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Anglo-Soviet Difference Not Insuperable

London, To-day.

The impression created in London by the first perusal of Soviet Premier Molotoff's speech, says "The Times" diplomatic correspondent, was that the difference between the Soviet and British view is one of form rather than substance.

It is thought that in Moscow the feeling perhaps has gained ground that too much confidence has been expressed in London that the latest British proposals would meet all requirements.

GAMBLING AT DEATH'S DOOR

TSINGTAO, TO-DAY.

A SINGULAR REASON WAS GIVEN BY A RUSSIAN PATIENT IN A HOSPITAL HERE FOR REFUSING A BLOOD-TRANSFUSION FROM ANOTHER RUSSIAN.

The man, he said, was unlucky and inexperienced at "Preference" (a Russian card game) and he was afraid that his own play might suffer unless a more suitable person were found.

The transfusion, however, was urgently required, and the doctor finally overcame the patient's objections.

After the transfusion, the man's condition became worse, and it was only after another transfusion had been administered—this time from another donor—that he started to recover.—Reuter.

ANTI-BRITISH PRESS CAMPAIGN

GERMANY IS KEEPING UP HER HIGH-PRESSURE CAMPAIGN TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF ANTI-GERMAN ATROCITIES IN POLAND.

The Nazi newspaper "Vorposten" in Danzig, quoted by Trans-Ocean says that as a result of

It is also thought that there was probably a desire on the part of M. Molotoff to convince his audience that every Russian point must be given the fullest consideration before any agreement could finally be reached.

General impression was that nothing has been said by M. Molotoff to render conclusion of an agreement impossible.—Reuter.

SUMMARY OF SPEECH

M. Molotoff began his speech with a review of the general political situation which he said had recently been rendered considerably more critical by "certain results of the policy of the aggressive States."

As result of Munich, Germany had been enabled to liquidate Czechoslovakia, without having to overcome any resistance. M. Molotoff described the seizure of Albania by Italy, German cancellation of treaties with England and Poland and the conclusion of an alliance between Germany and Italy as further stages in the policy of aggression.

The western Powers, it was true, had now accepted the standpoint of the Soviet, namely, that to secure
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tension in the Corridor five hundred German "fugitives" "got through" to Danzig.

This figure does not include, says the journal, those who have "fled by night" over the border direct into Germany.

GERMAN COMMENT WITHHELD

Berlin, To-day.

German political quarters have as yet made no comment on M. Molotoff's speech defining Russia's attitude towards a triple alliance between Britain, France and the Soviet.

German newspapers confine themselves to a full report of the speech under "neutral" headlines which do not allow any conclusion as to the Nazi viewpoint.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. NAVAL MAN'S BRAVERY

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

FIREMAN MANTOCK OF THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE NO. 40 RISKED HIS LIFE LAST EVENING WHEN HE PLUNGED INTO THE WHANGPOO FROM THE BUND AND SAVED A JOBLESS 23-YEAR-OLD CHINESE WHO WAS TRYING TO

JAPANESE IN HASTY RETREAT

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese forces in Hupeh launched a general offensive yesterday, according to Chinese reports, which claim that success is attending the drive.

The Japanese forces are stated to be retreating towards Yingchen, 85 miles north-north-west of Hankow, and Kinshan, 90 miles west-north-west of Hankow, "leaving behind large quantities of heavy arms."

Despatches estimate the strength of the Chinese forces operating in the Han River region as more than 100,000.—Reuter.

COMMIT SUICIDE.

The emergency ambulance took the Chinese to hospital where he expressed appreciation for the rescue.

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A FREE PRESS IS VITAL IN WAR--SIR S. HOARE

Government Plans For Newspapers In An Emergency

Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare declared recently that it would be essential for the Press to continue publication in wartime and to give "undoctored" news to help retain public confidence.

Speaking at the Newspaper Society dinner at Grosvenor House, London, he said steps would certainly be taken to protect the Press from so great a withdrawal of trained workers as would interfere with the maintenance of a proper news service.

Sir Samuel, after dealing with censorship in peace-time, to which he was strongly opposed, said that the Government of the day would decide the question of censorship in war-time.

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He would, however, give his views as they were now. In war-time there must, of course, be a censorship.

"These observations," he continued, "assume the continuance of the Press in war-time. It seems to be essential that the Press should continue in war-time. Nothing so much alarmed the country at the time of the general strike as the absence of news.

"How much more will this be the case in war-time? No doubt war-time will mean restrictions. The size of papers will be smaller, their problem of production will be more difficult.

"But the Government intends as far as it can to help the papers to surmount these difficulties and we are already in contact with the representatives of the Press.

INFLUENCE FOR GOOD

"The fact that the list of reserved occupations has been amended by suspending the reservation of printers over the age of thirty does not conflict with this policy.

"Printers have always been free to join the Regulars. They will now be free to join the Territorials.

"It would be wrong to prevent printers joining the fighting Services if, as I hope, some of them wish to do so.

"But the newspaper trade can feel confident that, in time of war, appropriate steps will certainly be taken to protect the Press from so great a withdrawal of trained workers as would interfere with the maintenance of a proper news service."

"Even in war time I should like to see the censorship worked on lines that are in harmony with our general conception of the place the Press should occupy in our national life, as a platform and a safety valve for purification and an independent bulwark of the public morale.

"The Press will have much more influence for good if it is not suspected by the public of being nothing more than the propaganda agent of a particular Government or a particular Minister.

"Of course, it must be prevented from publishing news that would help the enemy. Its representatives will wish themselves to publish nothing of this kind, and they will welcome a control that prevents them falling into error.

LESSONS OF LAST WAR

"But I take the view that the best way to avoid those errors will be to take the leaders into our confidence and to appeal to their sense of patriotic responsibility to do nothing to embarrass the national effort.

"We prefer co-operation to dictation. We believe that a censorship that works as closely as possible with the leaders of the Press is not only less objectionable than some dictatorial Press bureau out of touch with the life of the country, but that it is more effective.

"For it will work more quickly and while the final word will, of course, be in war-time, with the Government, it will help to retain the public confidence in undoctored news.

"I should, therefore, think it a mistake to set up the kind of Press bureau that was set up in 1914—that is to say, a separate and remote department of control.

NAZIS GAOL BRITON

A British subject, Charles Hermann, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment at a special Berlin court—because he had inferred that he was not impressed by German soldiers.

He was accused of spreading untrue "atrocity" stories. Hermann is alleged to have declared at a dinner party that: "The old officers won't have anything to do with Germany and are leaving the country," and that German soldiers are "worse than foreign soldiers," and badly dressed.

"It is much wiser to adopt the later lessons of the war and to keep the censorship, as a part of a war-time Ministry of Information, in the closest possible touch not only with the Press but also with the wireless, the films and the other instruments of publicity.

"These observations show my general attitude towards Press questions. They are founded on the principle that I always attempt to apply, of co-operation rather than dictation.

"It is a principle that has been trodden under foot in more than one great country of the world. Let us show here that not only is it morally sound, but that it is also practically more efficient than any system of dictatorship, monopoly or jack-booted suppression."

In his references to peace-time censorship, Sir Samuel said that the Home Secretary, the residuary legatee of Government functions, had a special interest in Press questions, and was the Minister responsible for the police side of the Official Secrets Act.

An Official Secrets Act was essential to safeguard Budget secrets, contracts, etc., apart from Defence secrets.

"But you have been anxious lest it should be used for suppressing the liberty of the Press and destroying the traditions of British journalism," he continued.

"I have realised the depth of these anxieties and I shall be in a few weeks moving the second reading of the Bill in the House of Commons that (1) maintains the need for safeguarding the State against the disclosure of secrets and (2) restricts the use of the special powers of interrogation to espionage cases.

"The Bill should be a permanent safeguard to the Press and a permanent safeguard that will not endanger the security of the State.

"BEYOND EVEN CHURCHILL"

The Bill, in fact, expresses my own attitude, as Home Secretary, towards the Press. I have recently been asked questions about censorship in the House of Commons.

"Censorship is very tempting, but I am against it. It makes unreliable papers.

"It makes discredited papers. It makes dull papers. For example, the 'British Gazette.' Not even Mr Churchill could make it readable.

"I have had my share of Press criticism. Being human, I believe that some of it has been very misinformed. But be that as it may, I would rather have the criticism of a free Press than the adulation of a 'kept' Press.

Sir Samuel concluded: "I have spoken of war preparations, but I do not wish you to go away with the idea that war is inevitable."

BARREL OF GUM MISSING

Last week the Police were asked to locate 300 odd tooth-brushes, a cow and a calf.

This morning they were requested to trace a missing barrel of gum by Messrs. Peterson and Company, of York Building.

According to the owners, 74 barrels of gum were loaded on a truck at Blake Pier on Tuesday afternoon and conveyed to the com-

German Veterans To Parade

Berlin, To-day.

A MEETING of 300,000 German Great War veterans will be held on Sunday at Kassel.

The meeting will be attended by the Spanish commander, General Queipo de Llano and other high Spanish officers, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin (General Oshima), and the military attaches of Italy, Japan, Spain, Hungary and Finland.

Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria and Slovakia will be represented by delegations of their Great War veterans.

General von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German Army, and General Keitel, Chief of the General Staff, will also attend. — Trans-Ocean.

GOLDSMITH SHOOTING CASE IN COURT

THREE ALLEGED MEMBERS OF THE GANG OF FIVE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBBING A GOLDSMITH IN SHANGHAI STREET, FOR WOUNDING A CHINESE DETECTIVE AND FOR THE KILLING OF A CHINESE WOMAN LAST TUESDAY MORNING, WERE CHARGED AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH ROBBING LEUNG KUNG-PO, MASTER OF THE GOLDSMITH SHOP, OF

- 76 Gold finger-rings,
- 85 Gold bangles,
- 12 Gold neck chains,
- 8 Gold earrings and
- 21 Pieces of gold ornaments,

The three accused Chang Shang, 32, Lai Yau, 31, and Yau Sang, 32, were handcuffed to three Chinese detectives in Court.

Detective Inspector A. E. Carey asked for a remand for 48 hours and indicated that further charges against accused are being considered.

The request was granted by Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen.

POLLUTION OF HARBOUR

Co-operation of all ships using the waters of the Colony is requested by the Harbour Department for avoiding pollution of the harbour.

The vessels are asked not to dump ashes, dunnage, garbage and other waste matter in the waters of Hong Kong.

pany's godown in Salon Street, West Point.

On arrival at the godown, one of the barrels, valued at \$140, was found missing, having mysteriously disappeared while in transit.

A Straight Talk Between A Briton And A German

The Men in the Street are the men that matter. And here you have the "inside information" on the Anglo-German position, written by a special contributor.

In Berlin I have just engaged in a frank, man-to-man talk with an official of some rank and authority in the Hitler regime.

Our conversation covered those very subjects which I believe the man-in-the-street in our country would earnestly like to discuss with the man-in-the-street in Nazi Germany.

It was a purely unofficial talk, for that reason it was possible to achieve a frankness, a direct appeal to humanity, which political conferences can rarely attain.

I came away convinced that, if war is to be avoided, we must hammer through to the people of Germany—misinformed, plied with propaganda about "encirclement"—the truth about our attitude to their nation.

I had arrived in Berlin on a purely private visit. But I was soon the subject of an inquiry of a semi-official nature.

Germany is keenly anxious to know what the men and women and the leaders of Britain are thinking at this moment.

Pershaps the questions of my German visitor will be all the more illuminating if I record them precisely as he put them to me.

When he first asked me for my opinions I said to him, "Are you asking me for the point of view of the British man-in-the-street?"

He replied that he was. "What is Britain's mission in Eastern Europe?" he went on. "What is the real purpose of your negotiations with Russia?"

THE LITTLE FELLOW

"Let me try to explain it to you by an everyday illustration." I answered.

"We in Britain don't like the bullying which has been going on in Europe. We have always taken the side of the little fellow in a fight. And we feel that the little fellow has been having a bad time in Europe recently.

"When there is street fight in our country the onlookers gather round and combine to restore peace and see that the weaker man doesn't suffer a beating.

"That is why we want Russia in to help keep the peace."

He switched to Danzig. "What did the British people think about Germany's claims there?"

I said, "Danzig is an arguable case. But we believe that arguments can be settled justly and peaceably by discussion."

Then, still speaking as a man in the street, I added bluntly. "But if Germany tried a tour de force in Danzig then we should be prepared to fight."

DANZIG ASSURANCE?

"But supposing Germany gave an assurance not to fortify Danzig and guaranteed Poland's access to the sea?" was his next query.

Again his question seemed best answered by the blunt truth.

"The British people no longer have much faith in assurances and guarantees," I told him. "We are nervous of them."

BROKE HIS WORD

"But you don't think that the Fuehrer has misled England?" he persisted.

I told him that British men—and women—very definitely were of the opinion that Herr Hitler deliberately broke his word over Czechoslovakia. I tried to impress upon him that the seizure of Czechoslovakia had altered entirely the feeling in my country towards Germany.

I insisted that in Britain we believed firmly that Germany had reached the limit of the coups against smaller nations which we could allow her to carry out unopposed.

"As a nation Britain has always rallied—will always rally—for a principle.

"And now everyone in our nation is convinced that a very important principle is involved—the imposing of the will of the stronger upon the weak."

My questioner then turned to the problems of trade, particularly in Eastern Europe.

"Germany must be assured of trading with these countries," he insisted.

"Can't you believe that we in England honestly desire a prosperous Germany?" I asked. "No one in my country will try to prevent Germany expanding her trade by legitimate, peaceful methods. But am I not right in saying that you need political as well as economic domination?"

His reply was: "If I said yes?" "Then," I said, "that will mean war."

He then returned to the argument that there was a conspiracy to encircle Germany, isolate her so that she could be broken by starvation.

"We must be given back our colonies," he declared. "We laid down our arms in 1918 on that understanding."

SHE WAS BEATEN

"Germany laid down her arms in 1918," I countered, "because she was well and truly beaten. And she surrendered unconditionally—for the same reason."

Finally I told my friend these things:

Britain is tired of Power-politics—dangerously tired.

We will not in future see any smaller nation's integrity assailed by force.

We believe it is now Germany's turn to make a contribution towards more peaceful conditions—by producing, for example, a schedule for discussion.

Our country is ready to meet Germany at any time on an equal footing at the conference table.

ROYAL SCOTS GET M.M.

London, To-day.

For gallantry when serving with the First Battalion, Royal Scots in Palestine, four soldiers were decorated with the Military Medal by their Colonel-in-Chief, the Princess Royal, at Aldershot yesterday afternoon.—British Wireless.

LABOUR LEADER FREED

Uriah Butler, the lame Trinidad negro leader, who was sentenced to two years' hard labour in December, 1937, for sedition, has been released from prison says a Reuter Trinidad message.

Butler was tried on charges of sedition arising out of speeches made before the riots of June, 1937.

ARMS' MENACE TO LIVING STANDARDS

LONDON, TO-DAY. IN THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE SINCE HE SUCCEEDED MR. HAROLD BUTLER AS DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, MR. J. G. WINANT REFERS TO THE EFFECT OF THE ARMING OF NATIONS UPON STANDARDS OF LIVING.

He points out that diversion of a substantial part of the total income of any nation from useful production and services to armaments, involves reduced standards of living.

The costs are added to each loaf of bread, to every acre of land cultivated and to the length of the working day.

Rearmament could not continue at the present rate of acceleration without eventually absorbing so much of the national income of many countries as might cause actual starvation in the lower income groups. — British Wireless.

Medals For Condor Legion

Hamburg, To-day. THE German "volunteers" returning from Spain goose-stepped past Field-Marshal Goering who later addressed the men.

Field-Marshal Goering announced that Germans who fought in Spain would participate in a victory parade before Hitler on Tuesday.

He also announced that Hitler had founded a special medal which would be awarded immediately: bronze for all who participated in the war, silver for those who fought the enemy, gold for special bravery, gold with brilliants for exceptional deeds of courage.

39 HIGH AWARDS

The last-named medal was awarded to 39 officers and men, including General Sperle, former commander of the German Condor Legion.

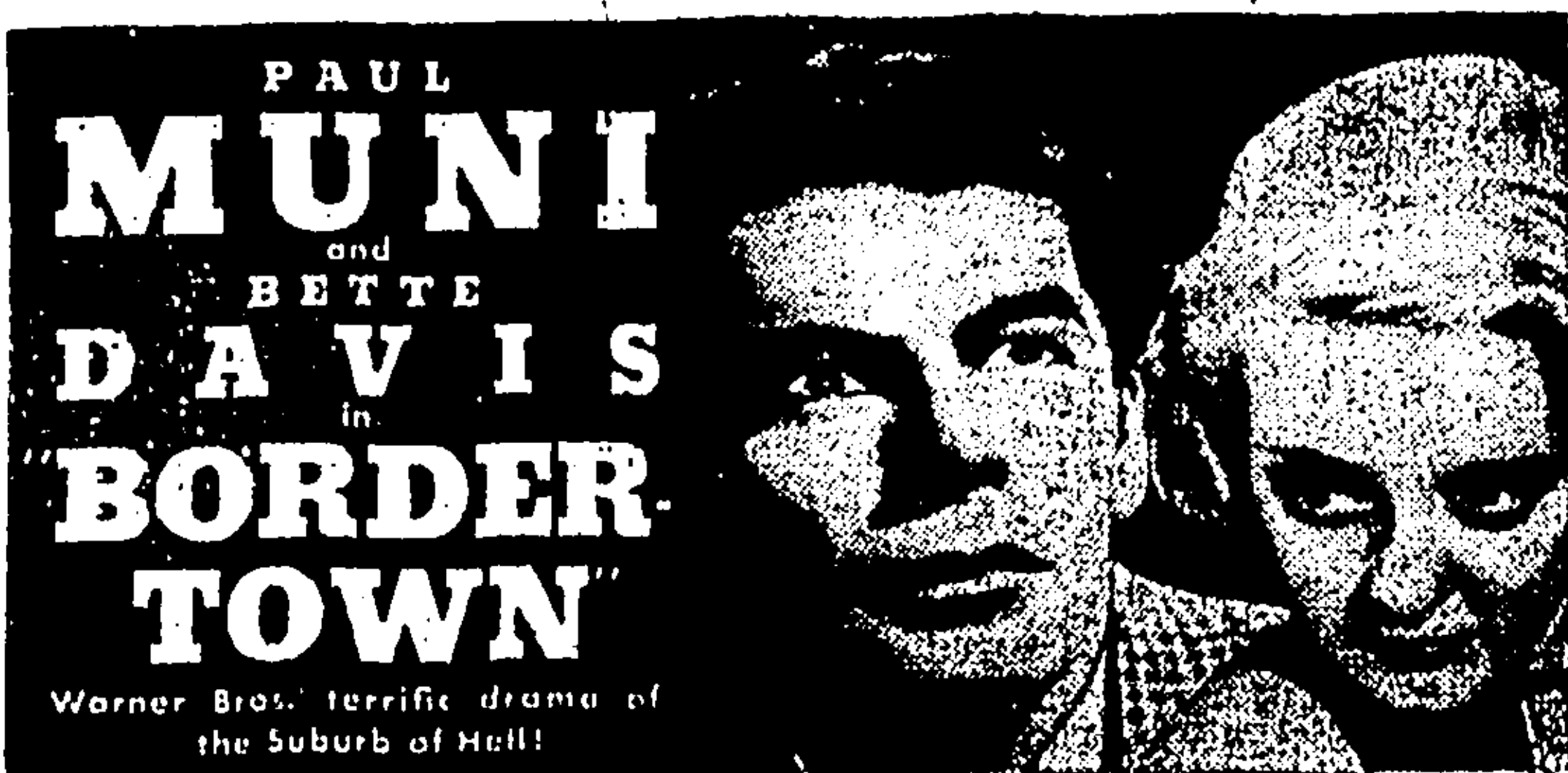
Field-Marshal Goering further declared that the Condor Legion would remain ever alive, for Hitler had ordered a squadron of planes, an anti-aircraft battery and a signal detachment to bear this name in future. — Reuter.



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QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL

BATTLE OF CHINESE LEGAL TENDER AND THE YEN

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese legal tender has won the war with the Japanese yen, declared a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance yesterday in a press interview.

The spokesman pointed out that though the official exchange rate of the yen in Tokyo was supposed to be 1s. 2d., in Shanghai it had dropped to 7.11/32d., and 100 yen could be exchanged for only \$89 Chinese currency.

The Japanese policy of substituting bogus notes issued by the "Federal Reserve Bank" which had no adequate reserves, for Chinese legal tender notes in North China had also failed.

In Shanghai, the notes issued by the so-called Hua Hsing Commercial Bank, had slumped even more heavily, in spite of the Japanese declaration that they were of the same value as Chinese legal tender and convertible into any kind of foreign currency.

Approximately \$160 of these bogus notes are now exchanged for \$100 Chinese legal tender.

INFLATION

To meet Japan's military expense, the Japanese government, the spokesman stated, had issued an enormous amount of bonds. As they had exceeded the subscribing power of the people, the Japanese government had resorted to the policy of unlimited issue of yen notes. A large amount of these inflationary notes, as well as military notes, had been put into circulation in the "occupied" areas.

Since Japan's reserves in foreign exchange are practically exhausted, the excess notes issued have no backing. There is a danger that they may be discounted or even abolished after the conclusion of Sino-Japanese hostilities, for such was the fate of the Japanese military notes circulated in Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese War, the spokesman warned.

DISCREPANCIES

The explanation given in articles recently published in Shanghai by Mr. Yoshida, well-known banker, regarding the Hua Hsing banknotes was refuted by the spokesman.

He pointed out the discrepancy between Mr. Yoshida's allegation that a new currency in Central China was necessary in view of the imminent collapse of the Chinese legal tender and his claim that the \$50,000,000 notes of the Hua Hsing Commercial Bank were backed by the same amount of Chinese legal tender.

The Hua Hsing notes had been issued apparently to defray Japan's huge military expenses and nobody would believe that the new bogus bank would place \$50,000,000 in Chinese legal tender in its safe for the issue of the same amount of bogus notes.

Mr. Yoshida's declaration that Hua Hsing notes will circulate side by side with Chinese legal tender and have the same exchange rate was ridiculed by the spokesman, who asked why the Japanese sought to link the new bogus notes with Chinese legal tender instead of with the yen and Federal Reserve Bank notes.

—Central News

NAVAL MAN IN WHOLESALE MOOD

"He was cursing everyone in the Navy, from the Admiral to the lowest naval rank, and also the Commissioner of Police and all the sergeants in the Police Force," said Police Sergeant P. J. Cullinan in the Central Police Court this morning when he prosecuted a Fourth Class Engine Room Artificer, Duncan Grahame, of H.M.S. Thracian for disorderly conduct and using abusive language on the ferry "Meridian Star" last night.

"I would rather jot them down on paper," remarked Sergeant Cullinan when asked by the Magistrate, Mr. Edwards, what actual words were used by defendant.

Sergeant Cullinan said that about 11.59 p.m. yesterday he boarded the "Meridian Star" on the Kowloon side, and sat on a seat outside the smoking compartment.

When the ferry started, he heard a noise inside the compartment, but paid no attention. Later owing to the strong wind, he went inside the compartment. He saw defendant and heard him address some Chinese in an abusive manner.

He went up to defendant and after explaining that he was a police officer, he requested defendant to keep quiet. There was another artificer in the compartment.

WOMEN LEAVE

A few minutes later defendant, accompanied by the other artificer, went outside. Sergeant Cullinan followed and with the assistance of the other man made defendant sit on one of the benches outside. Defendant got up again and entered the non-smoking compartment.

As a result of his behaviour there, four women left the compartment.

On arriving on Hong Kong side defendant was escorted by the two men to a taxi. He was again informed who Sergeant Cullinan was and that he was going to be taken to the Central Police Station.

At first defendant refused to enter the taxi and struck Sergeant Cullinan on the chest. In the taxi he created a row.

At the Central Charge Room he was warned several times to behave himself.

GOOD CHARACTER

Defendant alleged that Sergeant Cullinan failed to disclose who he was and that Sergeant Cullinan struck him while the other artificer held him.

A representative from H.M.S. Thracian stated that defendant had a clean record and a good character during his two years' service in the navy.

The Magistrate fined defendant \$25.

Germany Takes The Lid Off

London, To-day.

Most of the London newspapers contain messages from their correspondents in Berlin giving summaries of extracts from and comment upon detailed accounts which appeared in the German newspapers of Germany's part in securing the victory of the insurgent forces in the Spanish Civil War.

It was made clear in these articles — which are stated to be the first admission in the German press of German intervention in Spain — that assistance to General Franco in the form both of men and material began almost immediately after the outbreak of the revolt against the then Spanish Government.

As early as November, 1936, 6,500 men, it was stated, had been sent to Spain, and the claim is made that German air forces participated in every great action of the Civil War and in the bombing of towns and villages.

Their despatches show that British press correspondents in Berlin have found this sudden very frank disclosure in the German newspapers somewhat bewildering.

CHANGED CONDITIONS

They ask how they are to reconcile these revelations with the heated protests which formerly appeared in these same newspapers when any suggestion was made that Germany was intervening in

Spain — suggestions which were described as foreign press lies.

Several correspondents recall the repeated official denials issued in Berlin and the statements made on behalf of the German Government before the non-intervention committee.

VERY SURPRISING!

Others recall the decree issued by the German Government early in 1937 in conformity with the resolutions of the non-intervention committee, which prohibited participation by Germans in the Spanish Civil War, and comment on the surprising fact that although the decree was cited in German communications to the non-intervention committee, high German officers who contravened it by going to Spain to command German units there and to help in the training of the Spanish forces, have returned to occupy important positions in Germany without, it seems, incurring any of the penalties provided in the decree. — British Wireless.

NAVAL OFFICERS LEAVING

The following list of naval officers taking passage in H. M. Transport Dunera, leaving Hong Kong on Monday, June 12, was released this morning:—

From Hong Kong: Commander J. R. N. Taylor, H.M.S. Delight, Officer Commanding Naval Draft, Mrs. Taylor; Lieut.-Commander A. C. Price, H.M.S. Medway, Lieutenant N. C. Easy, H.M.S. Thracian, Lieutenant C. G. Walker, H.M.S. Medway, Lieut. K. R. Bromfield-Jones, Lieut. C. J. Bateman, H.M.S. Folkestone, Surgeon-Commander (D) C. J. Finnigan, H.M.S. Tamar, Mrs. Finnigan, Surgeon-Commander H. H. Fisher, H.M.S. Medway, Senior Medical Officer; Surg.-Lieut. (D) J. B. Morris, H.M.S. Eagle, Surg.-Lieut. D. Shute, H.M.S. Daring, Surg.-Lieut. I. McN. A. Drysdale, H.M.S. Folkestone, Squadron Leader, R.A.F., H.M.S. Eagle, R. G. Forbes, Flight Lieut. R.A.F., A. W. D. Miller, H.M.S. Eagle, Flt. Lieut. R.A.F., F. G. R. Thomas, Flying Officer, R.A.F., D. O. F. Lumsden, Commissioned Gunner J. Renton, H.M.S. Medway, Comm. Engineer E. J. R. Kirton Vaughan, H.M.S. Thracian, Comm. Boatswain C. J. Davis, H.M.S. Eagle, Comm. Signal Boatswain W. A. Deacon, H.M.S. Tamar, Mrs. Deacon, Warrant Engineer T. Smillier, H.M.S. Dorsetshire, Gunners W. J. Taylor (H.M.S. Falmouth), F. J. Sangwell (H.M.S. Westcott), J. G. Moses (H.M.S. Folkestone), W. N. Wright (H.M.S. Grimsby), Warrant Engineer R. J. G. Stacey, Paymaster Midshipman M. Collins, H.M.S. Dorsetshire.

Embarking at Shanghai:— Lieut. F. M. Crichton, H.M.S. Ladybird, Lieut. B. C. Ward, H.M.S. Duncan, Paymaster Lieutenant D. C. Cooto, H.M.S. Scorpion, Paymasters Midshipmen R. N. F. Glennie and R. M. Young, H.M.S. Dorsetshire.

From Hong Kong to Singapore:— Flying Officer, R.A.F., J. Compton H.M.S. Eagle, posted to Sclatar.

GIBRALTAR FOOD SUPPLIES

MUCH INDIGNATION HAS BEEN AROUSED IN GIBRALTAR AS A RESULT OF BROADCASTS FROM SPAIN REPORTING A BREAD SHORTAGE OWING TO THE PRESENCE OF THE FRENCH FLEET AT GIBRALTAR. THOUSANDS. IT WAS ADDED, WERE BUYING BREAD FROM LA LINEA, THE SPANISH TOWN AT THE GIBRALTAR BOUNDARY LINE.

This broadcast statement is untrue.

The facts are that there was a temporary shortage in Gibraltar owing to the people of La Linea buying bread here, since there has been no flour in La Linea for more than a week. La Linea is still breadless, apart from supplies from Gibraltar.

Another statement that the people would welcome the return of Gibraltar to Spain is also resented. The loyalty of the people to Gibraltar to the British Crown is unquestioned.

IMPORTS UNDER LICENCE
An order is published in the official "Gazette" under which the importation of essential foodstuffs is permitted only under the Government's licence.

The object of this legislation is to ensure that importers will undertake to keep sufficient reserve stocks of food for provisioning Gibraltar in the event of any emergency.

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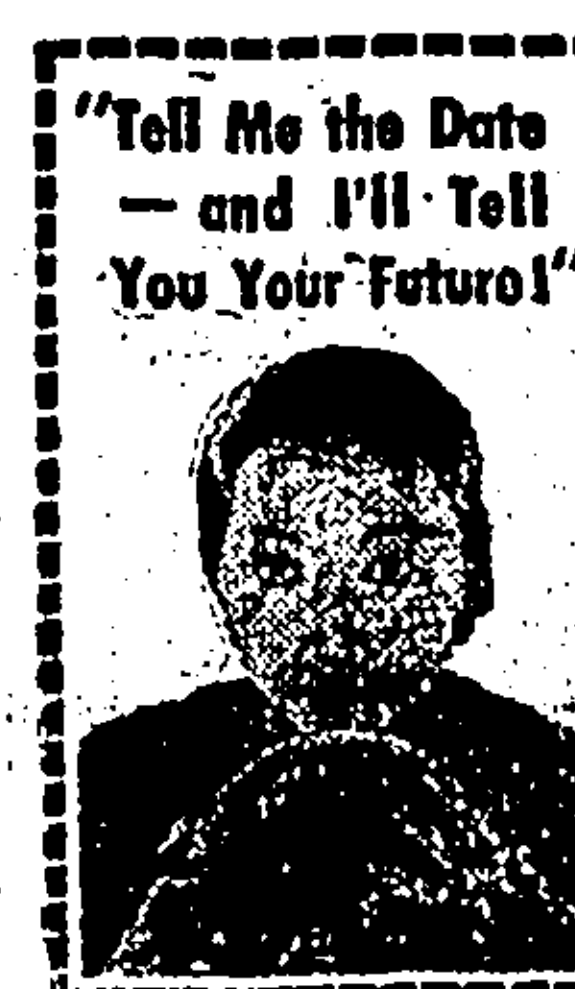
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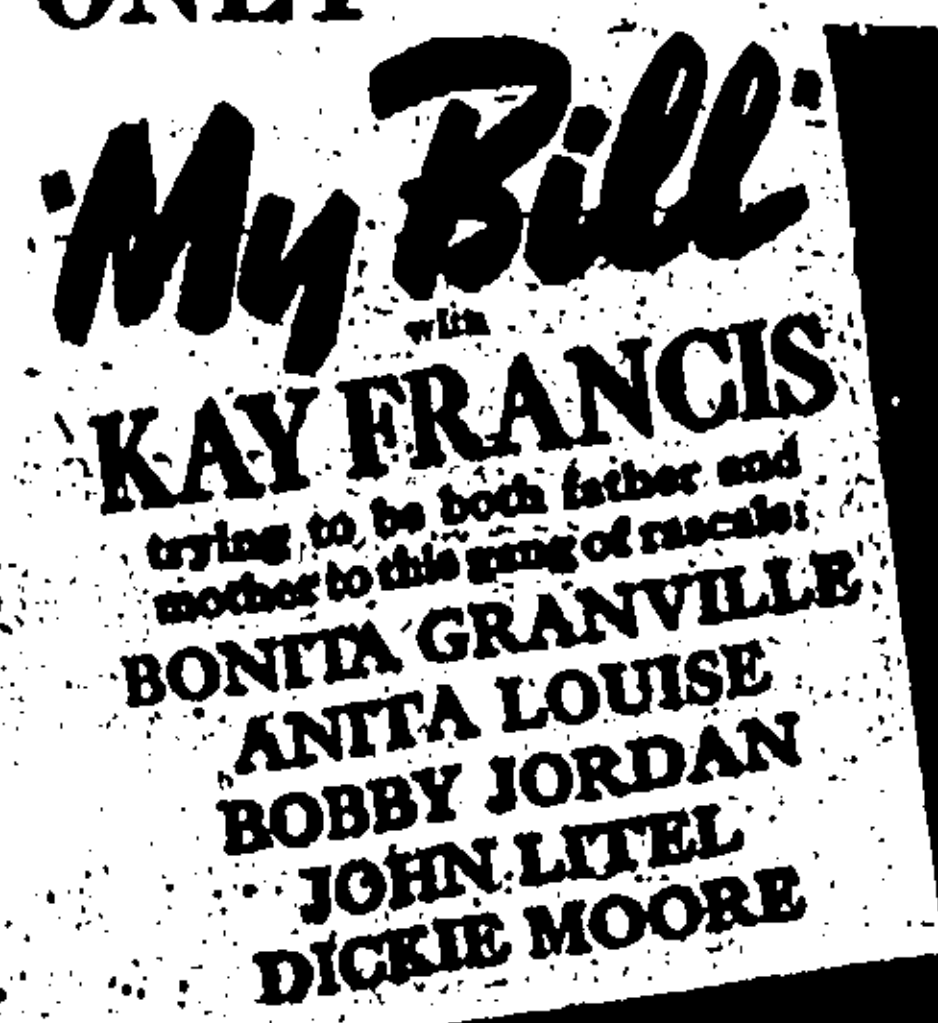
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COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF JAPANESE OFFENSIVE IN HUPEH REGION

Chungking, To-day.

Although no major operations are taking place either in Hunan or Hupeh, sporadic fighting continues in both regions, evidently in China's favour, judging from press reports.

Chinese attempts to recover Chungshiang, on the Han River, which have been going on now for over a month, still continue.

The town is surrounded on three sides without the Japanese lines of communication in the direction of Kiangshan having so far been cut, so that Japanese reinforcements are arriving continuously from that direction.

As the Japanese have constructed formidable fortifications near Chungshiang, it is thought unlikely that the Chinese will gain their objective.

Chinese attacks on Tienmen are also admitted to have been unsuccessful, and the Japanese still control considerable territory around Tienmen and Yokow.

LOST PRESTIGE

The belief is gaining ground that the Japanese may resume the attack in Hupeh to regain the prestige they lost by their recent unsuccessful attempt to take Hsiangyang.

The Japanese forces in the Tungpeh and Tahungshan mountain regions have now retreated to their former positions at Sinyang and Anlu, and are presumably awaiting reinforcements before launching another attack.

JAPANESE RETIRE

Fighting in Hunan has apparently died down as no reports have been received. The Japanese have retired across the Sisiang River.

Chinese press reports say that during a skirmish east of Yochow the Chinese killed 500 Japanese and captured 20 machine-guns.

It was the greatest victory in this region during the last few months.

Observers of the war situation are what the intention of the Japanese is in moving reinforcements from Shanghai and Hankow to Yochow.

ACTIVITY CEASES

It is pointed out that Japanese naval units off Yochow recently ceased activity after the unsuccessful attempt to land marines near Hwayung.

Military observers are at a loss to understand the Japanese plan in Hunan and Hupeh after their recent setback in north-western Hupeh.

At any rate, calm has prevailed on all fronts for a week.

As so little concrete news is available, it is impossible to predict probable war developments even in the immediate future. — Trans-Ocean.

JUNK CAPSIZES

Caught in a squall which arose suddenly, Junk No. 6842A, capsized yesterday at Castle Peak, throwing the five occupants into the sea.

The fishing boats, whose occupants saw the mishap, proceeded to the scene and rescued all five.

No. 1 Police Launch, under Sub-Inspector Olivier, later brought them into Kowloon, where they were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

AMAH FOUND IN WANCHAI MURDER CASE

Hopes of important developments in investigations into the savage Wanchai mass murder have been heightened by the detention of a woman alleged to have been the amah employed in the shop where the crime was committed.

The woman was traced yesterday afternoon and taken to police headquarters, and was under close questioning this morning.

Police theory to-day is that revenge was the primary motive for the massacre of the family, and that any robbery that took place was largely incidental.

DETENTION OF BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE

The "China Mail" learns from authoritative sources that there can be little doubt that the officer detained by the Japanese in Kalgan, is Colonel G. R. Spear, the British Military Attache in China.

It is disclosed that Colonel Spear started on a tour among the Communist armies in the interior of China some three months ago.

He was planning to alter through the Japanese lines and to emerge finally at Peiping.

The Japanese reports indicate that he was detained on Friday of last week between the Chinese and Japanese lines. He was arrested, apparently, at Hwang-hautsun, in the vicinity of Wutaishan.

NANCHANG RAID

Tungshiang, To-day.

A squadron of Chinese planes carried out a bombardment of Japanese concentrations in Nanchang yesterday morning. Dog-fights with Japanese aircraft took place. — Central News.

SOVIET GIVES WARNING TO JAPAN

Will Not Tolerate Invasion Of Mongolian Border

AIDING CHINA: OBLIGATIONS TO MONGOLIA

Moscow, To-day.

Dealing with "frontier questions" in his speech to Parliament last night, M. Molotoff, the Soviet Premier and Foreign Minister, declared:

"By now those concerned should realise that the Soviet will not tolerate any provocation on the part of Japanese and Manchukuoan troops on its borders.

"We must now remind them of this with regard to the frontiers of the Mongolian People's Republic as well.

N.Z. LOAN LISTS CLOSED

Wellington, To-day.

The New Zealand Government's £3,600,000 internal four per cent. loan has been fully subscribed. The money will be used for public works and general development purposes, including capital expenditure on defence.—Reuter.

WEATHER WARMING UP

After a maximum yesterday of 76 degrees the temperature last night fell to 71, but rose to 77 this morning, with humidity 80 per cent.

Rainfall for the last 24 hours amounted to .33 of an inch, which brings the total for the year to 41.58 inches, or 18.68 inches above average.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving into the Pacific to the north-east of Japan.

An area of high pressure remains over central and South-east China.

A depression is forming over Mongolia.

A depression is situated between the Loochoos and the Bonins and is moving east-north-east.

Pressure remains low over Siam and Indo-China.

GERMAN-DANISH AGREEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The German-Danish non-aggression pact which was signed by Herr von Ribbentrop (Nazi Foreign Minister) and Mr. Zahle (Danish Minister to Germany) consists of only two articles and a protocol.

The text has not yet been published but the official announcement describes the pact as an "important contribution towards safeguarding peace in Europe."—Reuter.

"In accordance with the pact of mutual assistance between the Soviet and the Mongolian Republic, we deem it our duty to render the Republic the necessary help in protecting her borders.

"We take seriously such things as a pact of mutual assistance signed by the Soviet.

"I must utter a warning that on the strength of this pact we will defend the frontiers of the Republic with the same determination as our own.

RIDICULOUS AND ABSURD

"It is time to realise that the accusations of aggression against Japan levelled by Japan against the Government of the Republic are ridiculous and absurd.

"It is also time to realise that there is a limit to patience.

"It therefore would be best to drop in good time the constantly recurring provocative violations of the frontiers of the Soviet and the Mongolian People's Republic by Japanese and Manchukuoan military units.

"We have given a warning to this effect through the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow."

SOVIET AND CHINA

Turning to the Soviet's attitude towards China, M. Molotoff continued:

"You are well acquainted with Stalin's statement regarding support for nations which become victims of aggression and which are fighting for the independence of their countries.

"This fully applies to China in her struggle for national independence.

"We are constantly carrying out this policy in practice."

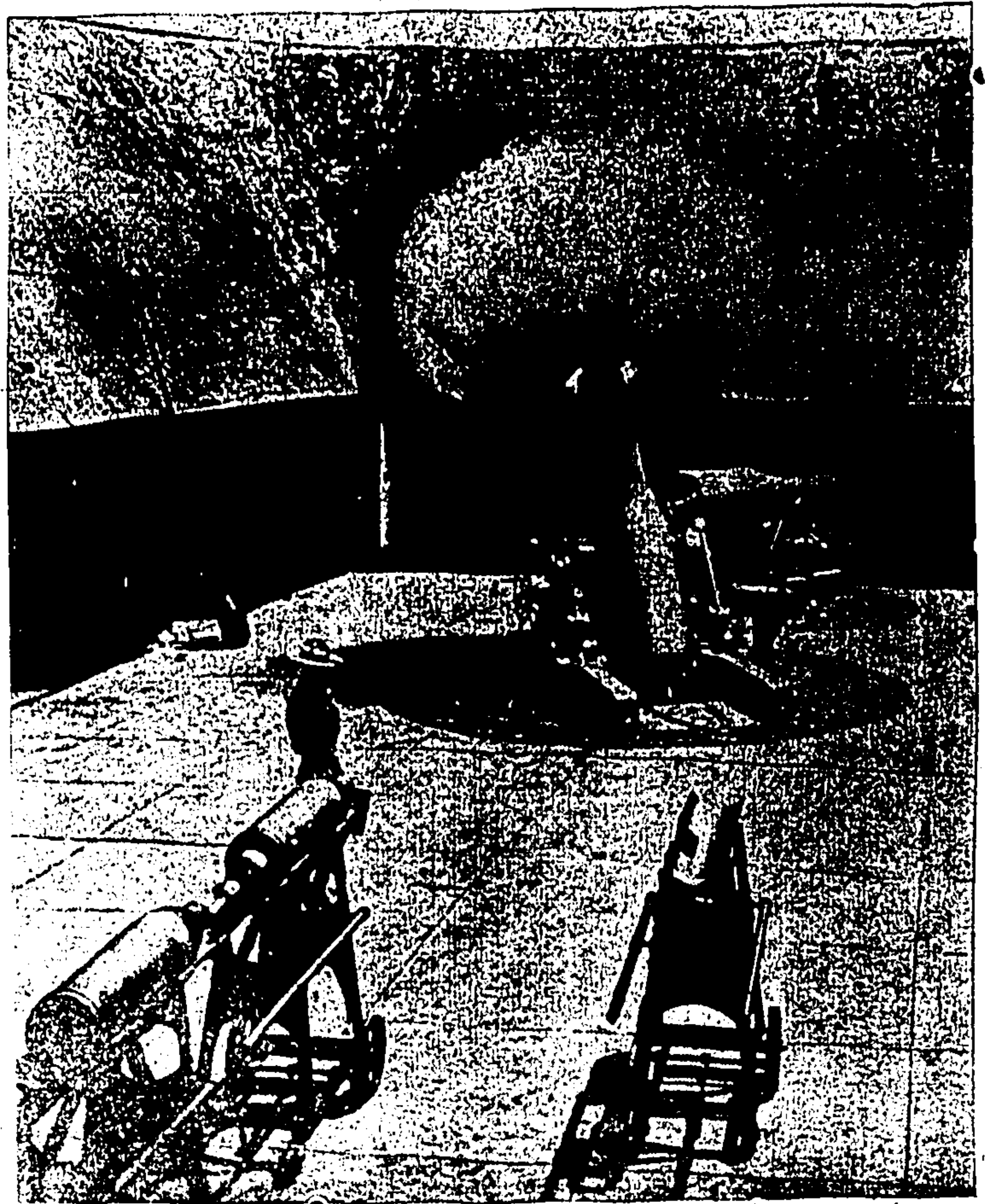
It was fully in line, M. Molotoff declared, with the task facing the Soviet in Europe — establishment of a united front of peaceable Powers against further aggression. — Reuter.

MAURETANIA OFF FOR TRIALS

London, To-day.

The new 34,000 tons Mauretania left Liverpool yesterday for the Clyde and to-day will undergo her steam trials off the Isle of Arran.

She starts her maiden voyage to New York on June 17.—British Wireless.



CAMERA CATCHES MORTAR CHARGE.—A modern high speed camera was used to obtain this remarkable picture during mortar firing by the United States Coast Artillery Corps (Harbour Defence Artillery), and it shows the charge as it left the muzzle of the 12-inch weapon.

NEW NEUTRALITY BILL TO WORK TO ADVANTAGE OF THE DEMOCRACIES

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, was requested by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate yesterday to draft the Bill for revision of the Neutrality Law on the basis of the cash and carry clause.

This means that, in wartime, all belligerent States will be allowed to buy raw materials and foodstuffs from the United States if they pay cash and transport purchases in their own ships.

Advantage of this could, practically, only be taken by Great Britain and her allies.

The committee is to await Mr. Cordell Hull's reply and has postponed further debate on the Neutrality Bill till early next week.

Mr. Hull has declined to make a statement but it is believed he will accept the proposals with minor alterations. — Trans-Ocean.

EGYPTIAN-TURKISH RELATIONS

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister is expected to visit Ankara next week to return the visit to Cairo last year by the Turkish Foreign Minister.

The visit, says an announcement,

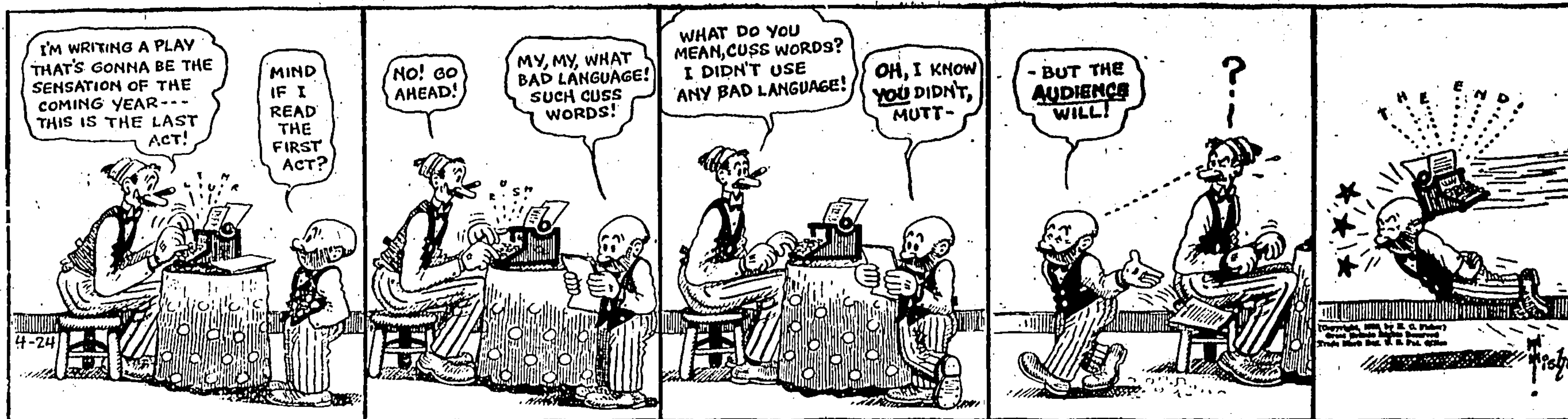
FINNISH-GERMAN MONUMENT

Hamburg, To-day.

A monument erected in Holeslein in commemoration of the cooperation between Finnish and German forces which led to the establishment of the Finnish Republic in 1919, was unveiled yesterday in presence of representatives of the German army, and nearly 250 Finnish army veterans.

The German officers were headed by the Duke of Coburg-Gotha. The Finnish delegation was headed by General Valve, of the Finnish Navy. — Trans-Ocean.

is for the purpose of consolidating peace in the Eastern Mediterranean and for discussion of all questions connected with the problem. — Trans-Ocean.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY**GUN PLAY**

Langdon's face was composed as he knocked on the door and stood waiting. No casual observer would have guessed that the next few minutes were to determine his future as sheriff of Apache county; indeed, his future as a citizen of that county. These short few minutes were to be the culmination of six months of gruelling work.

Presently footsteps sounded and the door was flung open. A burly, red-faced man stood on the threshold. His chin was covered by a three-day growth of beard. His eyes were small, close-set.

"Well?" he rasped.

"McElroy's expecting me," Langdon said.

The burly man eyed him a moment, suspiciously. "You the doc?"

"That's right," said Langdon.

The big man hesitated a moment longer, then stepped aside. "Come on inside."

The room was small, sparsely furnished. There was a table, four chairs, a cupboard well filled with provisions, a sink and water spigot in a corner.

The burly man was eyeing him closely again. One hand was resting lightly on the worn walnut handle of the six shooter that swung at his hip. Langdon began to feel uneasy, but his face was inscrutable.

"Well, where is he?"

"Wait here." The big man crossed to a door against the farther wall,

vers, Langdon knew, McElroy would have a gun. It would be necessary to keep out of range of that gun when the time came.

Langdon stooped over the bed and reached out as though to remove the bandage. As he did so the sleeve of his coat slid up over his wrist revealing a white crescent-shaped scar.

Langdon's arm suddenly stiffened. McElroy's eyes had fallen on that scar, and in that instant Langdon knew that the scar had betrayed his identity. Somehow McElroy knew about that crescent scar; it was like a badge of office.

For a moment Langdon and the man on the bed were frozen in tableau. The burly man could not see his chief's eyes because of the sheriff's body. Langdon knew this and took advantage of it. With his left hand he gripped the wrist of the man on the bed and held it flat against the blankets. As he did so the wounded man cursed a warning.

Langdon whirled. Briefly there flashed across his mind a picture of the burly man crouching, reaching for his gun.

Then Langdon's own weapon was out, exploding the moment it came clear of his lapel. His first shot splintered into the wood behind the burly man's head. Then smoke and flame streamed at him from the gun in the burly man's hand. He heard the whistle of a bullet as it grazed his ear.

By Vic Yardman

taking care not to turn his back. He opened the door and slid through it. Langdon waited, conscious that his pulse had quickened. The feeling of the gun beneath his left arm pit was reassuring.

Suddenly the door opened again and the burly man appeared. "Come in here," he said.

Langdon moved to the door, passed the burly man without looking at him, entered the room beyond. There were two bunks here against the wall. In one of them lay the figure of a man. He too was bearded, and his head was swathed in a bloody cloth.

Langdon moved toward the bunk with measured steps. Now his pulse had returned to normal. His nerves felt steady, his mind clear and alert. In a minute it was going to happen. This man who lay on the bed was Nick McElroy, killer and desperado. He had succeeded in evading the law for two years. He had kept clear of Stark Langdon, and rumours had gotten around that Sheriff Stark Langdon had been just as well pleased. Nick McElroy was chain lightning on the draw. Rumour was hinting that Langdon dreaded meeting him.

So, to maintain his self-respect Langdon had tracked the killer down. It had taken him six months, had required skill and shrewdness, and all the time there had beat in his brain the thought that these rumours were not idle. Always uppermost in his mind was the possibility that Nick McElroy was faster with a gun, would kill him.

But there was no turning back, no refusing to meet the issue, and now that the moment had arrived all fear and uncertainty were gone.

"I had a little accident, doc," the man on the bed was saying. "Got fooling around with a gun and it went off. Reckon you better look at it."

Langdon stopped at the bed's edge. He knew that the burly man had backed against the wall and was watching alertly. But the burly man was the least of his worries. He could dispose of him, if occasion demanded, with one

well placed shot. It was McElroy who needed watching. Beneath the bed coiled a gun.

Then he shot again, a third time. He saw the burly man begin to pitch forward. And at the same time he knew the man on the bed had gotten his gun clear and was aiming. Langdon whipped around and snapped his trigger twice. There was a crash of metal, a thump, a shrieked curse. The six shooter spun out of the wounded man's hand and crashed against the wall. Blood spurted from the shattered hand that had held that gun.

Silence fell. Blue smoke filled the still air. Langdon stood in a daze. The burly man lay at his feet. In the bed McElroy cursed fiercely. Langdon turned toward him.

"All right, McElroy. You're coming with me."

The man in the bed stopped cursing and stared. "Why, you big, lop-headed fool! I ain't McElroy. That's him on the floor! The fool! And him thinkin' he was fast with a gun!"

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POLICE SEARCH FOR WOUNDED MAN

Police are to-day scouring the Colony for a man with a bullet wound in the abdomen.

He is alleged to have been one of the five robbers who took part in the goldsmith's shop robbery in Yaumati on Tuesday and in the subsequent gun battle.

Three alleged participants are already in police custody. That one of the gangsters was wounded in the shooting is believed to have been disclosed by those now detained.

ARAB REJECTION OF BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS

Committee's Attitude Explained In Long Statement

Danger In Transition Reservations

Beirut, To-day.

Arab High Committee for Palestine has published, in a document fifteen pages long, its reply to the British White Paper.

All the more important British proposals are rejected by the committee.

Explaining its attitude, the committee says that at the London Conference the British Government at first adopted a conciliatory policy but sought to evade issues as soon as it came to a discussion of practical proposals.

The British Government, it is stated, wishes to base the new regime in Palestine on the mandatory system which, in the Committee's view is regrettable, since the mandate is at the root of all the trouble in that country and the starting point of all the injustice inflicted on the Arab population.

Although the British Government delay, to prevent illegal immigration of Jews, expressed a desire to render Palestine independent it rendered the realisation of this independence conditional on the consent of the Jews who would never give it. Similarly, the British Government claimed the right to prolong indefinitely the transition period of ten years should circumstances demand it.

WEAPON FOR JEWS

In the Committee's view, it would always be easy to create such circumstances and thus delay the granting of full independence. Uncertainty in this respect would be a convenient weapon in the hands of the Jews who would leave nothing undone to prevent Palestine attaining her independence. Moreover, the Government proposed would have no executive power and consequently no responsibility. Hence it would remain a mere instrument of British domination.

The Committee goes on to demand the immediate formation of a government composed of the representatives of all sections of the Palestinian population in proportion to their numerical strength and the appointment of a commission charged with the task of drawing up a constitution.

NATIONAL HOME

The Committee strongly condemns any attempt based to establish a Jewish National Home in Palestine and declares that no Arab could approve any constitution which recognised such a national home.

Regarding the question of Jewish immigration into Palestine, the Committee states that it is unable to accept the proposals contained in the British White Book since they do not offer any definite solution and it is urged that energetic measures be taken, without

The Committee is of opinion that the sale of land to Jews should be absolutely prohibited, whereas the British proposals would produce a contrary result.

WILL OF NATION

The Committee contends that Britain must bear responsibility for bloodshed in Palestine and points out that the final decision concerning the fate of any nation must depend on the will of that nation.

With the help of God, the Arab nation would carry out its decision to render Palestine independent within a federation of Arab States and to preserve for all times its specifically Arab character.

In conclusion, the committee expresses gratitude to all Arabs fighting for their national cause in Palestine as well as Mussulmans and others in the world at large who sympathise with the Arab cause. — Trans-Ocean.

FALSE PRETENCES

Having pretended they were authorised to collect money for the Pua Kung Temple, Chan Wing, 32, and Lau Kit, 25, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning.

Defendants were formerly employed by a temple in Kowloon but were dismissed. Defendants went to Pokfulam Road yesterday and tried to obtain money. One house was the residence of a Chinese detective, who had them arrested.

Defendants were fined \$6 or three weeks' hard labour.

CHARACTER TEST NOT QUITE SO GOOD

Found guilty of larceny, Yung Shun Shan, 27, who was remanded yesterday to enable him to get witnesses to testify to his character, was sentenced to 3 months' hard labour.

Defendant was charged with having attempted to steal the hand-bag of Mrs. E. A. Wagner, an American lady, at the Post Office, on May 30.

A witness for the defence, testified that when he knew defendant in Shanghai, he was of good character, but that was many years ago. He still thought accused was of good character or he would not have appeared in Court.

Defendant was found guilty and it was then shown that he had two previous convictions. After sentence was passed, defendant was ordered to be taken to Kowloon for the Magistrate in Kowloon to deal with him for breach of a bond.

RICKSHA COOLIE ACCUSED

Chan Yau, 40, ricksha coolie, was charged this morning, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, with larceny of \$12 from an unknown sailor, in Queen's Road East, yesterday.

U.S. INVITATION TO DISCUSSION ON COTTON TRADE

Washington, To-day.

The United States has asked the ten major cotton export countries to participate in an international conference at Washington on September 5 with a view to consider the possibility of a world cotton marketing agreement.

The countries invited by the State Department on behalf of Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, include Egypt, France (for the French exporting colonies), Britain (for its exporting colonies), India, Mexico, Peru, the Sudan, Russia, Argentina and Brazil.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture said the proposed discussions will be exploratory and no specific plans for international co-operation in cotton production and trade will be developed at the meeting.

However, they expect that all aspects of the world cotton situation will be studied thoroughly with a view to determine whether it may be advisable to recommend to the respective governments that a conference to work out details for international collaboration be convened later.—Reuter.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded not guilty on behalf of the defendant. Hearing was fixed for June 9, and bail of \$50 was granted.



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NEXT GRAB?

Where and what is Danzig?

As this German city at the end of the Polish corridor is evidently the next danger point on the map of Europe, it is well to explain that Hitler's aim in annexing it will be, as usual strategical.

The great encirclement alarmist wants to proceed with the encirclement of Poland. From Danzig his guns can control the undeniably Polish port of Gdynia.

The internal control of Danzig by the Nazi gangs is already complete. The "free" city enjoys the sort of freedom permitted by Hitler. The Jews are expelled or persecuted. The Third Reich grasps Danzig in its mailed fist.

Why then a new Danzig crisis?

Not because of oppressed Germans. Simply because (as in the case of non-German Bohemia and Moravia) Hitler now apparently wishes to control non-German Poland. That is all.

As well, we think to explain this before the woes of Germans in Danzig are used as an excuse. And also before appeasers begin to tell us that Danzig is a far-off city "of which few have ever heard."

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Tax-Dodgers

Legislation toils panting after the tax-dodger, who always seems to succeed in getting round the next corner. This year's Finance Bill introduced by Sir John Simon, contains some new provisions aimed at checking evasion. What would probably have more effect would be a tardy discovery by the Law Society and the Institute of Chartered Accountants that it is disreputable on the part of their members to assist in cheating the revenue and in shifting the burdens of the rich on to the shoulders of their fellow-citizens.

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Railway Emancipation

The railways' claim to release from the present archaic system of rate regulation has been fully endorsed by the Report of the Transport Advisory Council.

It is recommended that they should be free to frame their own charges, subject to certain safeguards with which so important a representative of the companies as Lord Stamp appears to be quite satisfied.

There should be no obstacle, therefore, to the emancipation, except the difficulty of finding time in Parliament just now for any new business.

The need for ultimately co-ordinating all forms of transport, in order to secure the full value of their capital and energy, is emphasised in the Report.

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Milk Policy

The present milk policy of the Home Government is provoking signs of dissatisfaction both at the producers' and at the consumers' end. A producer monopoly (like the Milk Board, which represents only 160,000 dairy farmers) cannot, naturally, look after the interests of the 20,000,000 electors who consume milk.

The latter know that milk is not as safe or cheap as it might be. Making butter and cheese dearer by restricting imports will only increase public resentment.

Farmers should safeguard their own future by demanding a Milk Board with a majority nominated by the Government, as in Ulster. This would restore public confidence.

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With Flowers

Edward Heard, a young labourer, was fined £1 by a Folkestone magistrate the other day because flowers are worth more to a corpse than a live human being. That, apparently, is the conclusion one must draw.

His wife was very fond of flowers. Heard was very fond of his wife (whom he married in January) and, as he could not afford to buy her any on his small wage, he took some from a grave. The magistrate called it a "mean and disgraceful theft."

A theft is a theft and the taking of the flowers probably annoyed the person who put them there. But, looking at it from another point of view, who would benefit more from the flowers—the living, or the dead?

His lawyer suggested that Heard's mind was "not normal" at the time of the offence. Surely he was more normal than many people, having rationalized the problem of his wife's desire for flowers and their presence on a grave, and carried it to its logical conclusion.

The blame lies not on a dotting labourer, but on that civilization which makes it impossible for a man to take flowers home to his wife without spending money he cannot spare.

MOSCOW NOT YET SATISFIED

Distrust Of Reservations In British Offer

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY, THE SOVIET PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, M. MOLOTOFF, CHARACTERISED THE ANGLO-FRENCH PROPOSALS AS CONTAINING SEVERAL RESERVATIONS WHICH MAY RENDER AGREEMENT INEFFECTIVE.

M. Molotoff said the Soviet insisted on a pact exclusively of a defensive character, a guarantee of all neighbours of the Soviet and concrete agreement for mutual help if one of the signatories is attacked.

He declared: "The Soviet stands unreservedly for the union of all peace-loving Powers to curb aggression, but we must be careful to remember Stalin's warning not to allow ourselves to pull other people's chestnuts out of the fire."

The delegates cheered as M. Molotoff said this.

Stalin, Marshal Voroshiloff (Defence Commissar) and other members of the Political Bureau, as well as M. Maxim Litvinoff (former Foreign Commissar) joined in a five-minute ovation when M. Molotoff declared the Soviet insisted on absolute equality.

STEP FORWARD

M. Molotoff added: "Our place is in the first rank among the Powers."

He went on to say that the latest Anglo-French proposals admitted reciprocity, "which is a step forward."

However, he indicated that the Baltic countries were not yet guaranteed, and the Soviet could not therefore undertake obligation concerning countries remaining neutral who were unable to defend their neutrality.

BRITAIN'S CHANGED ATTITUDE

M. Molotoff said the negotiations

with Britain were continuing, "but we insist on our point of view, concerning which we do not need to consult anyone."

"The aggressors recognised long ago that Soviet foreign policy was directed against aggression, but the Democratic Powers only lately have admitted this."

"Changes in the British attitude were recently noted and we therefore accepted offers of negotiations."

NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY

While lashing aggressors generally, M. Molotoff mentioned the improvement in Russo-Italian relations.

He added: "We do not refuse to improve our trade relations with Germany."

He said that the Soviet-German trade negotiations recently carried on were momentarily interrupted, but there were signs that they might be resumed.—Reuter.

Outstanding Issues Just Points Of Detail

Paris, To-day.

Official French circles are not dismayed by Soviet Premier Molotoff's reserved attitude to the latest Anglo-French proposals.

They are of opinion that an agreement is certain, and matters remaining for discussion are points of detail.

The official Soviet reply is expected to-day, and it will be carefully but rapidly studied.

It is believed here that the difficulties seen by the Soviet in the proposals relate especially to two points:—

Firstly, the proposal of mutual assistance must accord with Article XVI of the League Covenant (the "Sanctions" Article), and

Secondly, the Soviet wishes guarantees to her Baltic neighbours.

It is believed here that there will be no difficulty in coming to a satisfactory arrangement with Moscow on both points, and that final conclusion of an agreement is only a matter of days.—Reuter.

ONIONS AND DOG'S LONG LIFE

Just celebrated is the twenty-first birthday of Rover, brown collie belonging to a New Jersey chauffeur. In dog-life such an age represents about 150 years in humans. Secret of canine longevity was revealed by owner—consistent diet of onions.

Five years ago Rover was put on a regular diet of onions, given a pair of blue glasses to protect his eyes against the bright New Jersey sun.

DE VALERA TO SUPPRESS I.R.A. ACTIVITIES

Dublin, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed, by 28 votes to 9, the Offences Against the State Bill, which aims at suppression of I.R.A. activities, in conjunction with the Treason Bill, which is now law.

Mr. de Valera, the Premier, said in the Dail that every Irishman between the age of 20 and 21 residing in Britain for two years or over, was liable to military service unless he could show he was following a course of education.—Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, is returning to London this afternoon from Yorkshire, where he has been spending the Whitsun holiday.—British Wireless.

Hopeful Turn At Amoy

Tokyo, To-day.

THE position at Kungshu has taken a more hopeful turn, according to a message from Amoy.

Negotiations have been proceeding on the Japanese demands.

The Japanese Consul-General in Amoy has had informal talks with the British and French Consuls-General, which were apparently conducted in an amicable atmosphere.

The Japanese officials also saw the chairman of the Municipal Council.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI 3-POWER CONFERENCE

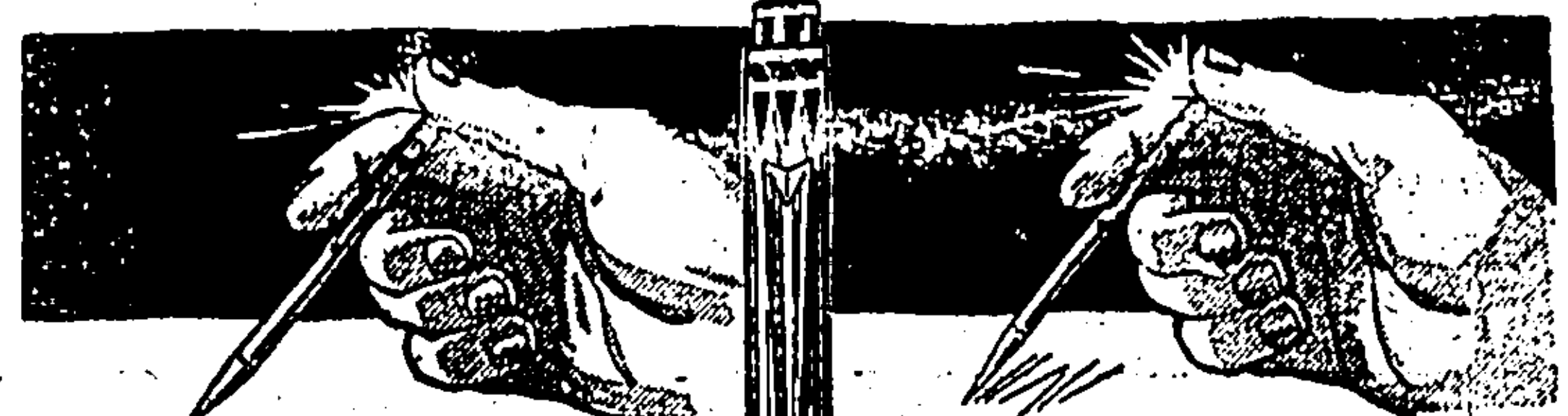
Shanghai, To-day.

It was reliably learned last night that the British, French and American Naval Commanders-in-chief will meet to-day for a conference on board the French flagship.—Our Own Correspondent.

GREEK TROOP MOVEMENT DENIED

Athens, To-day.

The Greek Foreign Ministry last night denied reports of Greek troop concentrations along the Albanian frontier.—Trans-Ocean.



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Labour Party's Continued Hostility To Conscription

RESOLUTION PASSED BY HUGE MAJORITY

London, To-day.

The Labour Party Conference at Southport yesterday passed by a huge majority a resolution by the Executive condemning the introduction of conscription despite the Government's repeated pledged to uphold the voluntary system.

The resolution demands that the pay and allowances of militiamen be similar to those of the Regular Army.

It declares that the voluntary system has not failed and calls for every effort to ensure its increasing success.

Another resolution endorsed the National Council of Labour's attitude regarding participation in all steps necessary to ensure proper protection of the civil population in wartime.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

A further resolution demanding complete cessation of all further efforts of all National Service schemes, excepting A.R.P., was defeated by a big majority.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, introducing a statement of policy on labour and defence, said it was their proposal to set up a Ministry of Defence with much greater powers than the present Ministry for the Co-ordination of Defence. — Reuter.

DETECTIVE KEEPS HIS EYES OPEN

Seen by a Chinese detective selling earrings to a goldsmith shop in Tai Nam Street at 7.40 a.m. yesterday led to the appearance before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, of Ho Ki-on, 17, charged with snatching, and Chan Chung, 49, widow, charged with receiving.

Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron, prosecuting, said the woman was seen offering to sell a pair ear-rings to the shop for \$11.80. The lad was standing outside the shop and met the woman after the sale.

The Chinese detective questioned

ADVICE TO NURSING MOTHERS

It is very important, doctors say, not to overtax your system immediately after the birth of a child. When you are feeding baby yourself, you should take plenty of easily digested nourishment.

For that reason, doctors throughout China recommend Horlicks. They have proved that Horlicks stimulates the appetite, promotes sound sleep and strengthens the whole system. Also Horlicks increases the supply of maternal milk and ensures the success of breast feeding.

Get Horlicks to-day from your store.

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DISPUTE OVER A WOMAN

Angry over advice given to him to leave a certain woman alone was the excuse given by Wan Hum, 48, who was charged with assaulting Tai Mun, 31, and Liu Tai, 32, the woman, before Mr. E. Hims-worth this morning.

According to the prosecution, all were street sleepers. Liu Tai was Tai Mun's kept woman. The men unexpectedly met yesterday in Fa Yuan Street, and Tai warned accused to leave Liu Tai alone. He got angry and struck Tai Mun on the head with a bamboo pole.

The woman tried to pacify them but was also struck by defendant. Wan Hum was placed on a \$10 bond to be of good behaviour for one year and ordered to leave the woman alone.

them and the woman admitted that the ear-rings were given to her by the youth, who had snatched them only half an hour before in Portland Street.

Later the victim was located.

The youth was sentenced to six months' hard labour, eight strokes and two years under police supervision, while the widow was fined \$25 or six weeks.

KING AND QUEEN LEAVE VICTORIA

Victoria (B.C.), To-day.
The King and Queen left in the steamer "Princess Marguerita" for Vancouver at 10.20 a.m. (local time) yesterday. — Reuter.

Trans-Ocean adds that the "Princess Marguerita" was converted into a Royal yacht for the occasion. The King and Queen will travel across the Continent to Niagara Falls. An immense crowd gave the Royal couple an enthusiastic send-off when they left Victoria.

Their Majesties arrived in Vancouver at 10.50 p.m. (British Standard Time).

FRICK MISSION IN BUDAPEST

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Frick, German Minister of the Interior, will leave on Saturday for Budapest. During his stay in Hungary, the German Minister will make a tour of the Puszta.

It is presumed that he will discuss with the Hungarian Government questions relating to the position of the German minority which is scattered throughout the country and numbers about 700,000. — Trans-Ocean.

SWITZERLAND BANS REFUGEES

Berne, To-day.

No refugees from Spain can be admitted to Switzerland, the Federal Council has decreed. An official statement says that Switzerland is at present affording hospitality to some 12,000 refugees of whom 3,000

900 JEWS ON LINER: REFUSED CUBA ENTRY

London, To-day.

More than 900 Jews are afloat on the Hamburg-American steamer St. Louis without knowing their destination, it is reported here.

The liner had docked at Havana, with more than 1,000 Jewish emigrants on board but only 100 were permitted to land, the Cuban authorities having decided that the papers of the others were not in order.

Where the rejected 900 will go, is still an unsolved problem. — Trans-Ocean.

WAR CRAFT IN FITTING BASINS

London, To-day.

Three war vessels aggregating 104,000 tons now occupy John Brown's fitting out basin at Clydebank.

This is the greatest aggregation of war tonnage in the experience of any shipbuilding yard.

Yesterday's addition was the new 8,000 ton cruiser Fiji — first of its class to be launched — which joined the 85,000 ton Queen Elizabeth in the fitting out basin. — British Wireless.

are destitute and forced to depend on private charity for support. These refugees are unable to leave Switzerland because frontiers of other countries are closed to them.

Under these circumstances, it is impossible for Switzerland to allow Spanish refugees to cross the frontier. — Trans-Ocean.



The King being presented with the keys of the Portsmouth fortress by Brigadier-General W. Robb, of-ficer Commanding the Portsmouth Garrison, before Their Majesties sailed for Canada.

News Snack Bar

TEMPERS LOST BY HARD SEATS

Hard! That adjective is constantly in the minds of London's telephone operators.

It does not describe their job, but the seats they're given to sit on.

SCIENCE ARMY FOR DEFENCE

Vital new link in National Service is an "Army of Scientists" which is now being enrolled.

Highly-skilled scientists and expert technicians who have not already been placed on the list of reserved occupations are being called up to join this new service to make Britain strong against foreign aggression.

Application forms have been sent to hundreds of scientists and technicians in universities and professional institutions.

These will be dealt with by a special scientific research committee which has been appointed by the Ministry of Labour.

This committee will make lists of the men available and the tasks which they may be allotted in time of emergency.

So telephonist Doris Curnow told Post Office workers in conference at Blackpool that an operator's short temper is probably the result of chair discomfort.

She even suggested that a panel of telephonists should be set up to try out and report on telephonists' chairs.

Another operator, Miss Winifred Greggains, complained that mechanisation had lowered rather than improved the standard of senior telephonists because it had lowered down promotion. "After all," she added, "twenty-five years is a long time in the same position, and you do hope to enjoy a little bit of jam before you are too old to appreciate it."

HUNTED FLEA FOR 20 YEARS

Professor Anderson Hubbard, of Pacific University, Oregon, has just ended a twenty-year hunt for a flea. Jubilantly he pulled this flea—male, hairy and oval-bodied—from the back of a mountain beaver. In 1919 he found a female flea on a beaver, and was unable to find any classification of its peculiar type. So he started a "never-say-die" hunt for a male of the species. He threw a party to signal his success.

PLANE BUILT IN 38 DAYS

A Leicestershire company has in thirty-eight days built and flown an aeroplane—a world record. The Government dealt with designs inside twelve hours, and thirty-eight days later it was in the air. The factory is now on line production which is akin to mass production, and will turn out a machine every two days. These 'planes are being built for training purposes.

IT GOT THERE



Owner of England's longest moustache, Mr. Harry Williams, of Margate (Kent), received this letter-card addressed as you see. Although the drawing was a bit of a bald statement, there was no mistaking that moustache.

2,000 AT HER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Two thousand persons, nearly all kinsfolk attended a family party in a field at Gonzales (Texas) thrown by Mrs. Mary Jane Skinner to celebrate her hundredth birthday.



The wedding between Mr. R. Archer-Shee and Miss Bridget Ann Courage took place recently at The Oratory, Brompton. This little spectator insisted on going up to and saluting the guard of honour of the 10th Royal Hussars (The 'groom's regiment').

PORTUGAL CELEBRATES

BRAZIL DISCOVERY

Portugal recently celebrated the discovery of Brazil by the Portuguese Admiral, Pedro Alvares Cabral, in 1500. The day has always been dedicated to the honour of the Portuguese Navy.

NO WHITSUN BRIDAL RUSH

Because May is regarded as an unlucky month by brides, there was no Whitsun wedding rush this year.

With only one day left for couples to give notice if they wish to marry at register offices this Whitsun, a tour of register offices around London showed empty notice boards.

JEWS LISTED SEPARATELY

German directories will in future list Jews separately, it is announced. As Jews are now "officially" eliminated from German business life, no indication of occupation will be given.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts:—
Man at Highgate: "My home is policed by the woman who is my wife's mother."

Witness at Golder's Green: "I didn't see any blows struck, but the defendant was working up an atmosphere of violence."

Police-Constable at Highgate: "I was easily able to overtake defendant on my bicycle; it is a high-powered bicycle."

ARMISTICE--FOR HOT SOUP

A big defence test in Dorset recently approached war conditions very closely—except that in the middle of the night a half-hour armistice was declared to enable weary Territorials at Weymouth and Portland to enjoy hot soup.

The people of Weymouth had a disturbed night, with sirens going off at intervals, Morse signals jamming their radio programmes, and high-speed 'planes "bombing" the town.

EX-OFFICERS JOIN

UP AS PRIVATES

Rather than wait until commissions become vacant, many war-time Army officers are re-joining the ranks as privates.

At the end of the war hundreds of officers were put on the Reserve List. Now they want to help the training of recruits.

The "London Gazette" announces that Captain D. J. Winnicott, M.C., late of the 7th Battalion Notts and Derby Regiment, and Captain A. C. Sampson, M.C., late of the 6th Battalion London Regiment, has relinquished their commissions on enlistment in the ranks.

A stage National Service Association has been formed, in which prominent figures in theatreland are leading spirits, to discuss ways and means by which actors and actresses over forty-five could "do their bit" in time of war.

BIG DROP IN 'METHS' ARRESTS

Substantial decline in the number of arrests in Scotland for drunkenness believed to be due to methylated spirits has followed the coming into operation of the Methylated Spirits Sale Act at the beginning of last year. From May 1 to October 31 last, 297 persons were accused of the offence, compared with 1,243 persons in the corresponding six months of 1937.

LIFEBOAT HEROES REWARDED

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded its bronze medal and £4 7s. 6d. to Coxswain Josiah Wheatley, of Blyth, and to each member of his crew a framed letter of thanks and £4 7s. 6d., for the rescue of three of the crew of the steamer Skarv.

It has also awarded £3 15s. to each man in the Newbiggin lifeboat.

BLINDNESS DOES NOT END

DAILY BIBLE READING

Blindness has not caused Admiral Sir George King-Hall to give up his lifelong habit of studying the Bible each day. Now he uses gramophone records of the Scriptures.

"I went to sea in the Navy seventy-six years ago, and my parents asked me to read the words of the Scriptures every day, which I have solemnly done," Sir George told the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Queen's Hall.

He thanked the Society on behalf of the blind, whose ranks he had recently joined, for providing such gramophone records.

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over
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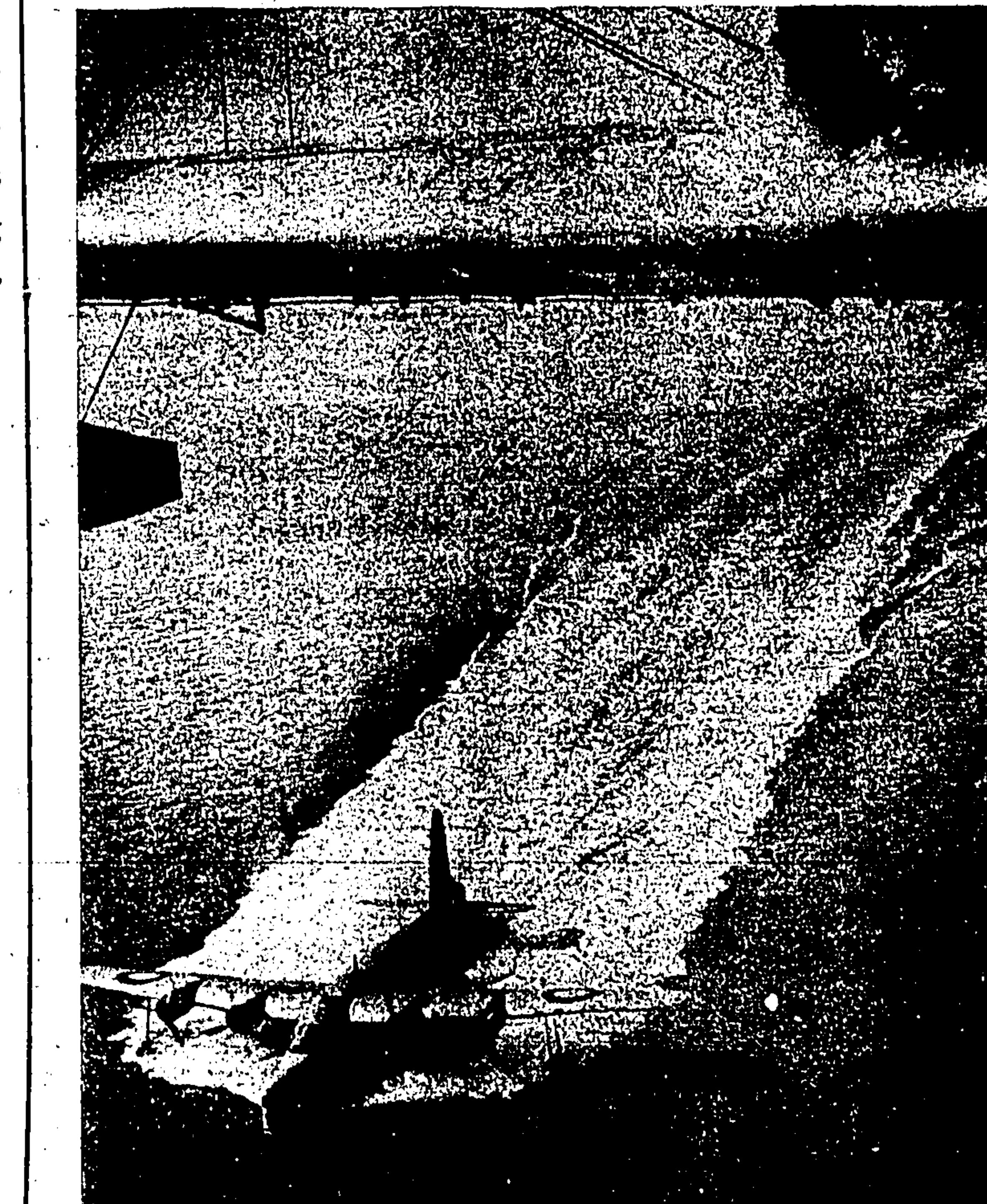
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Are The Effects Of Bombing Exaggerated?

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NO scientist believes that it is physical, and not in a panicking
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of food: but it cannot come near many months.

WHAT SPAIN TAUGHT
For the last 30 years the dangers
of air warfare have been consistent-
ly exaggerated. The horror has
caught hold of the imagination of
people all over the world: so much
so, that the threat of violence looks
like becoming enough to settle the
world's affairs. The horror persists,
despite all reason, even despite ex-
perience. The fear of poison gas
dominated many people's minds for
years. Haldane told them that no
new poison gas had been discovered
since the eighties, that it was an



The public saw all the thrills of the sea and air at Felixstowe on
Empire Air Day. Photo shows an aerial view of a new "Sunderland"
flying-boat taxiing before taking off for a practise flight at Felixstowe.
(Passed by the Air Ministry).

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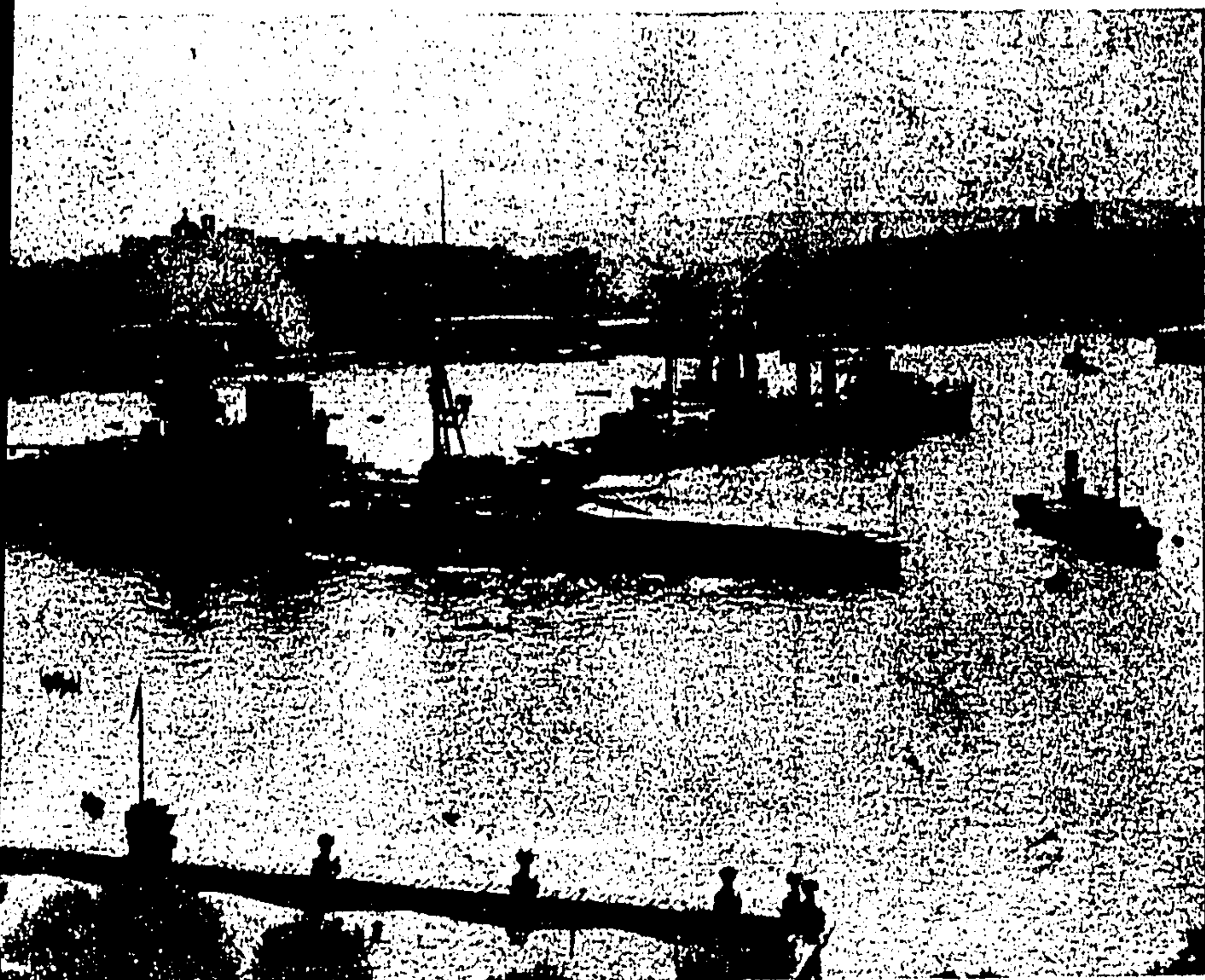
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ES CRUISER "OMAHA" AT MALTA.—The U.S.A. cruiser "Omaha" the Flagship of the fleet, which is in the Mediterranean is now lying in the Grand Harbour at Malta. Photo by (By Air Mail).

means of ludicrous exaggerations. It has to be used: That is not to say that a war will be pleasant, or that we ought to look upon aerial attack as an act of nature which we need not and cannot guard against. There is a great deal which should be done immediately to defend ourselves against the bombing aeroplane. What is to be done can be divided into two different types of defence: hiding from the bombs, preventing the bombs being dropped, i.e. attacking the aeroplanes themselves. In both of these tasks scientists should have been used far more thoroughly than they have up to now: but it is not too late.

VALUE OF BOMB-PROOF SHELTERS

From the scientific point of view, hiding people safely from bombs is a fairly simple matter. With a population living close together, it is possible to contrive an underground shelter which gives absolute protection and can be reached by all the population within the time limit of the warning. Finsbury is a good example of such a district, and the Finsbury deep shelter an admirable example of its kind. This sort of shelter should be built in all similar urban districts. This step should be taken at once. The objections are frivolous and not worth the attention

of responsible men.

A difficulty arises, however, as soon as one passes from the urban districts to a less compactly populated suburb. The point is soon reached when a large number of the district cannot reach the shelter before the raid has begun; and in such districts, and in all widely scattered areas, deep shelters are not practicable methods of defence. Naturally, a raid on such places would be nothing like as effective as in an unprotected Finsbury, and in suburbs, or in the country, trenches and steel shelters give valuable protection.

With deep shelters in the towns, particularly in London, air raids would cease to be a menace; and, as soon as one or two had spent themselves with little result, they would merely stiffen the spirit of the English people.

The second type of defence, devising new methods of attacking the aeroplanes themselves, demands the immediate use of the best scientists in the country. A certain amount of research is being done under the War Office and the Air Force. But it is not being treated seriously enough. These are not normal times; the problem is urgent: there is an imperative need for organization, a sum of money negligible as military expenditure goes (say £100,000 or £200,000), and a faith that the problem can be solved.

Many scientists have no doubt that it can, and in quite a short time, Lord Rutherford, the greatest and most realistic of English physicists, had none. About a year before his death in 1937, he said that within a few years it should be possible to bring down such an immense proportion of attacking aeroplanes as to make air warfare not worth the candle.

That view is shared by many of the best and most inventive minds in England to-day. Somehow, by the "air mines" Mr. Wells was describing the other day, or in some other fashion, aeroplanes can be stopped. It needs the organization of a team of our best scientists, and a tenth of the cost of a single submarine. If it were done, it would at last let science get back to its proper work.



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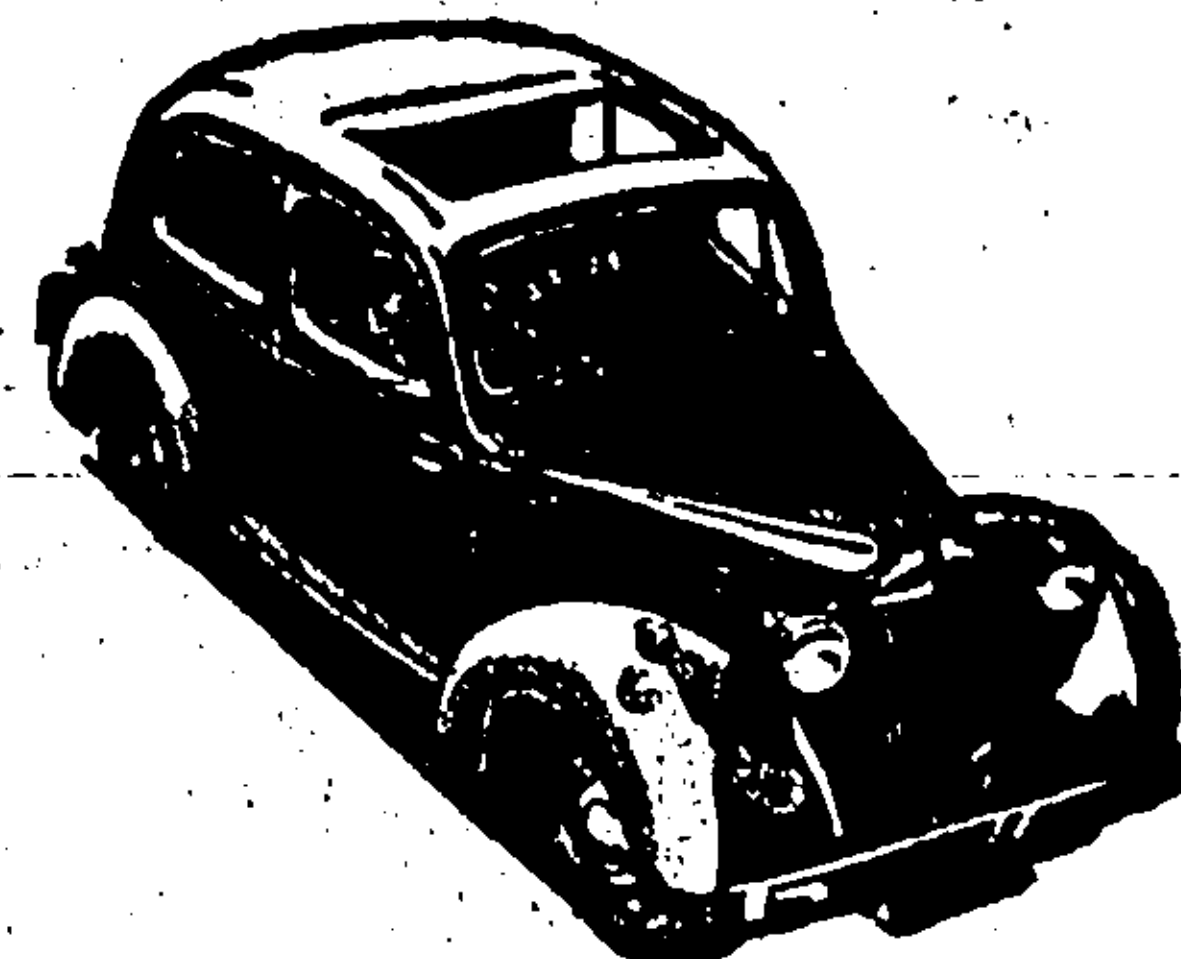
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by MARY BLAKE

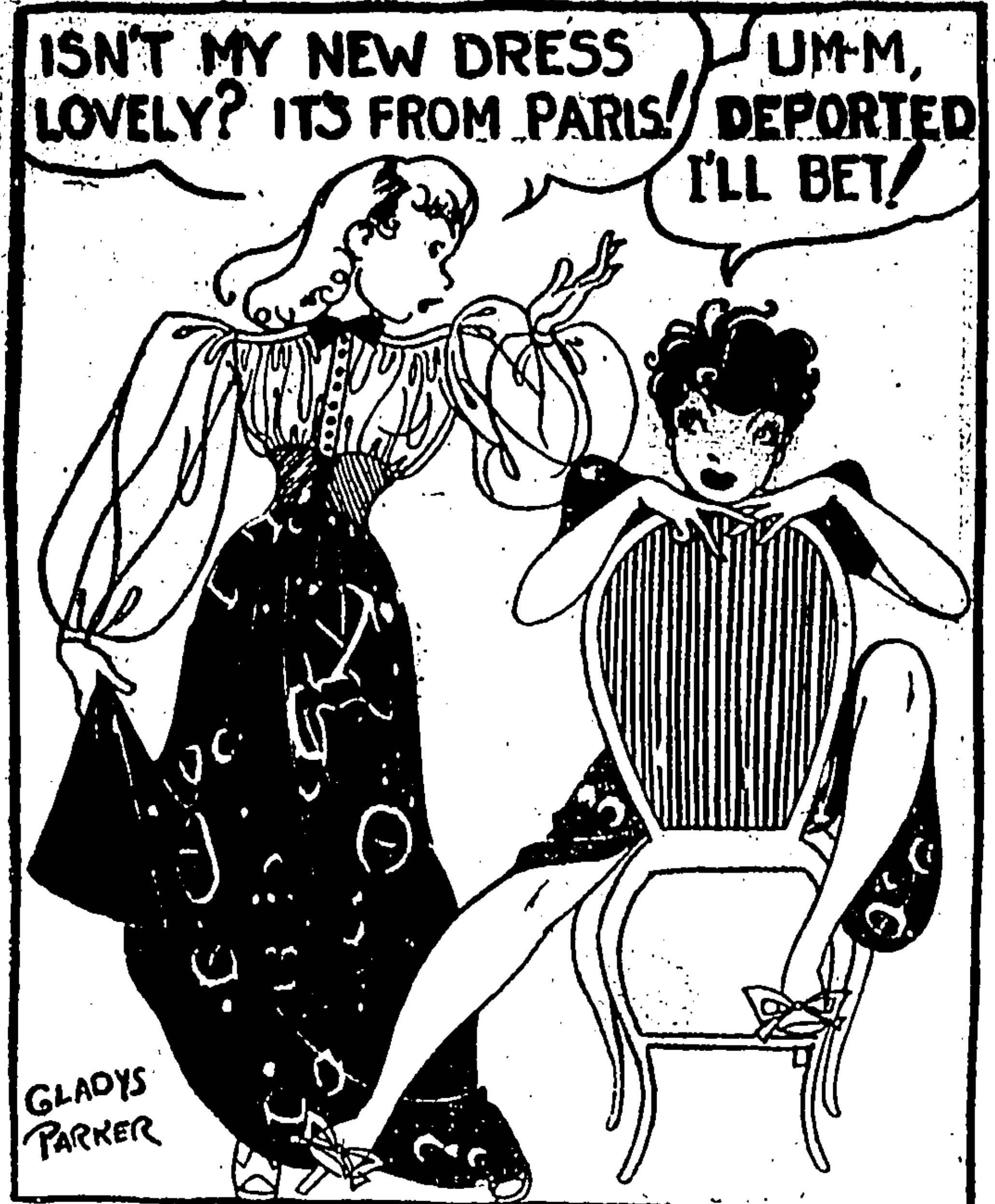
Conditions will be conducive to many forms of adjustment in personal affairs this day, so avoid worrying over yours. Fate appears to be ready to untangle many knotty problems and provide ways and means of bringing harmony into many lives. Do not be afraid to face issues squarely and fearlessly. Self-confidence and sincerity are all that you are likely to need to get satisfactory results in any matter of a debatable nature. Friendly advice should not be ignored, nor suggestions cast aside without careful consideration. Money possibly will be hard to get, but available if sought after in the proper fashion. You are likely to find "the friend in need" will be capable of doing you a good deed, this day if you have good reason for asking a favour. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who have a right to feel optimistic regarding their matrimonial prospects, should be careful about asking personal questions, for they might subject themselves to being asked some very embarrassing ones, in return.

If a woman and June 1 is your birthday, being gifted in many ways, flattery must not be permitted to make you conceited. You should have the ability either to save or make a great deal of money. You are probably very versatile in talking and writing. Your life is likely to be filled with pleasant experiences, primarily as a result of business contacts and meeting interesting people. You are not likely to do things at random, as you probably are methodical and believe in doing things systematically. As a social welfare worker, writer, actress, musician, sales lady, modiste or lecturer you may win an enviable re-

putation and attain financial independence. If you marry you will in all likelihood have an ideal home life.

The child born on June 1 usually has an artistic or mechanical mind. Inclined to be hot-tempered, it must learn self-control while quite young. The chances are that it will be successful in all its undertakings.

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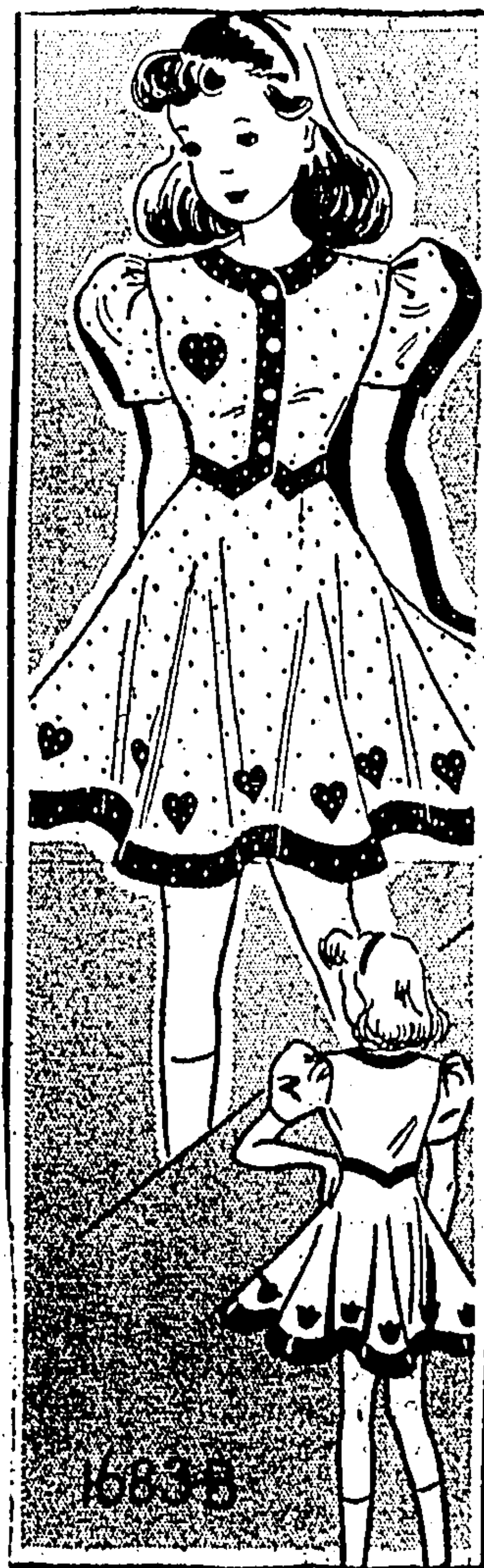


You simply must have a princess dress! Make it like this, new design in taffeta, in the prettiest silk print you can find, or in dark flat crepe to contrast with brilliant accessories. It will make you look young and smart and seductively slim. Wide at the shoulders and hem, it is tiny around the waistline

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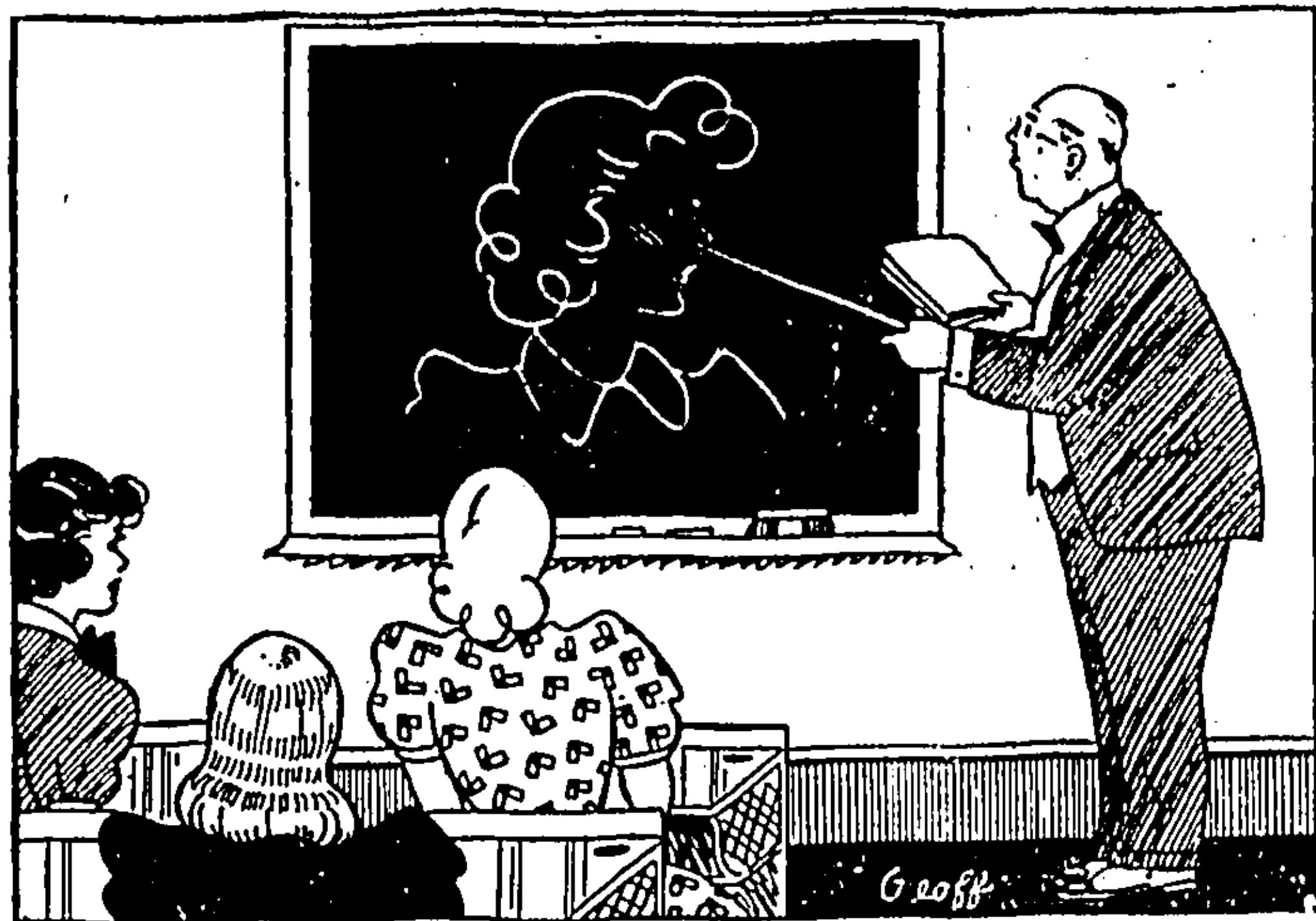
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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY



A course in personal grooming and adornment is important to the success of a graduate.

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The modern college is a far cry from those days when the three R's were considered the prime requisite in the education of young ladies! What would the Deans of yesteryear think about a Department of Grooming in the school's curriculum? Yet there are a number of progressive schools at which a course in personal grooming and adornment is considered every bit as important to the success of a graduate, as is a foreign language, history or economics.

Recently five hundred and twenty-seven girls from Stephens College, Missouri, got into the headlines of eastern newspapers. And it was not because they were taking their annual Spring educational tour. That would deserve a mere paragraph. It was because the girls themselves rated copy space. As one, Miami reporter put it "Miami

has never been host to a lovelier group of girls in such numbers!"

MADE FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION

Wherever the girls visited, reporters from newspapers were struck with their pleasing beauty and good manners. More space was given to the description of the girls than to the novel educational scheme which Stephens College sponsors. But the mere fact that the girls were so appealing is a tribute to Dr. James Madison, president of the college and one of the foremost educators in this country!

For Dr. Madison insists that his students be taught to make the most of herself. Time is devoted to instructing each student how to be lovely, the art of dressing well and how to use cosmetics to advantage!

Grundies may scoff at such education, and the conservatives may fear that the girls' vanity is being encouraged too much. But the progressives can readily see what sense there is in starting a graduate on the arduous road of life feeling self assured, looking lovely, and knowing that good manners and a smart appearance pays excellent dividends!

OTHER SCHOOLS SHOULD FOLLOW EXAMPLE

Unfortunately, Stephens College, with its special advantages, is not within the reach of all growing girls. But it does stand as an inspiration and example to other educational institutions. The majority of maturing girls do need a guiding hand when it comes to grooming and dressing themselves, and in acquiring deportment which creates what we like to call "charm." And if girls were taught how to use cosmetics discreetly to their advantage, we would hear fewer complaints from the male sex about "powder and paint" and from others who object to the obvious hard look some girls achieve.

So do encourage the proper teaching of the acquisition of beauty. The world can do with many more attractive wives, mothers, and careerists. And in the final analysis, the attractive woman is usually a healthy woman both physically and mentally!

Witty Kitty



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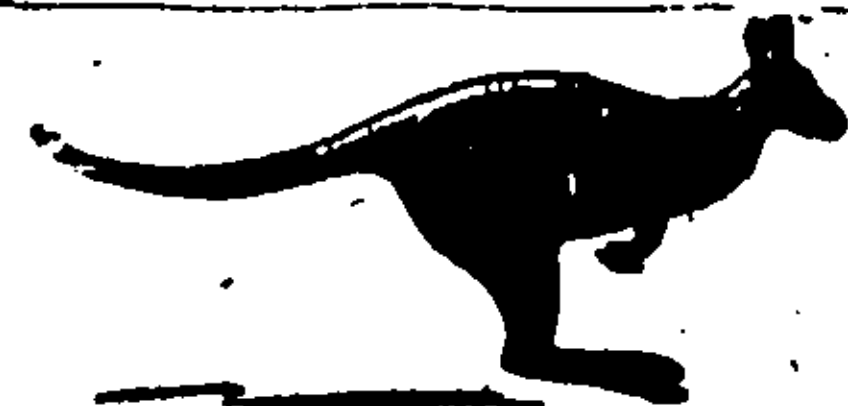
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 24th May.	Pan-American Airways Plane	June 1.
Australia and Manila	Nankin	June 1.
Straits and Haiphong	Lycan	June 2.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kiangsu	June 2.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Kaying	June 2.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)—London date, 4th May	Conte Verde	June 2.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 27th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	June 2.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date, 13th May)	Emp. of Canada	June 2.
Shanghai	Tyndareus	June 2.
Shanghai and Swatow	Muinam	June 3.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Hakusan Maru	June 3.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	June 3.
Japan	Manila Maru	June 3.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjisalak	June 4.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 31st May.	Imperial Airways Plane	June 5.
Tientsin and Swatow	Nanchang	June 5.
Straits and Manila	Deucalion	June 6.

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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 8th June.	K.P.O.	Reg., ... Thur., June 1, 5.00 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Ord., ... Thur., June 1, 5.30 p.m.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service due Sydney 9th June.	Imperial Airways Plane Thur., June 1.	K.P.O.
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Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg.	Scharnhorst	Thur., June 1, 7.00 p.m.
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Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 8th June.	Pan-American Airways Plane, June 2.	K.P.O.
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	G.P.O.	Reg., ... June 1, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Ord., ... June 2, 7.30 a.m.
Shanghai (Papers only) for Straits & (Parcels & Papers only) for Calcutta.	Conte Verde	June 2, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Parcels,	June 2, 11 a.m.
Manila	Papers,	June 2, Noon.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 9th June.	Sin Kiang	June 2, 1.30 p.m.
	Emp. of Canada	June 2, 6.30 p.m.
	Air France Plane	Fri., June 2, K.P.O.
	G.P.O.	Reg., ... June 2, 5 p.m.
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Japan	Suisang	June 2, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 15th June.	Hakusan Maru	Sat., June 3, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	G.P.O.	Reg., ... June 3, 11 a.m.
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Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th July.	Hakusan Maru	Sat., June 3, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
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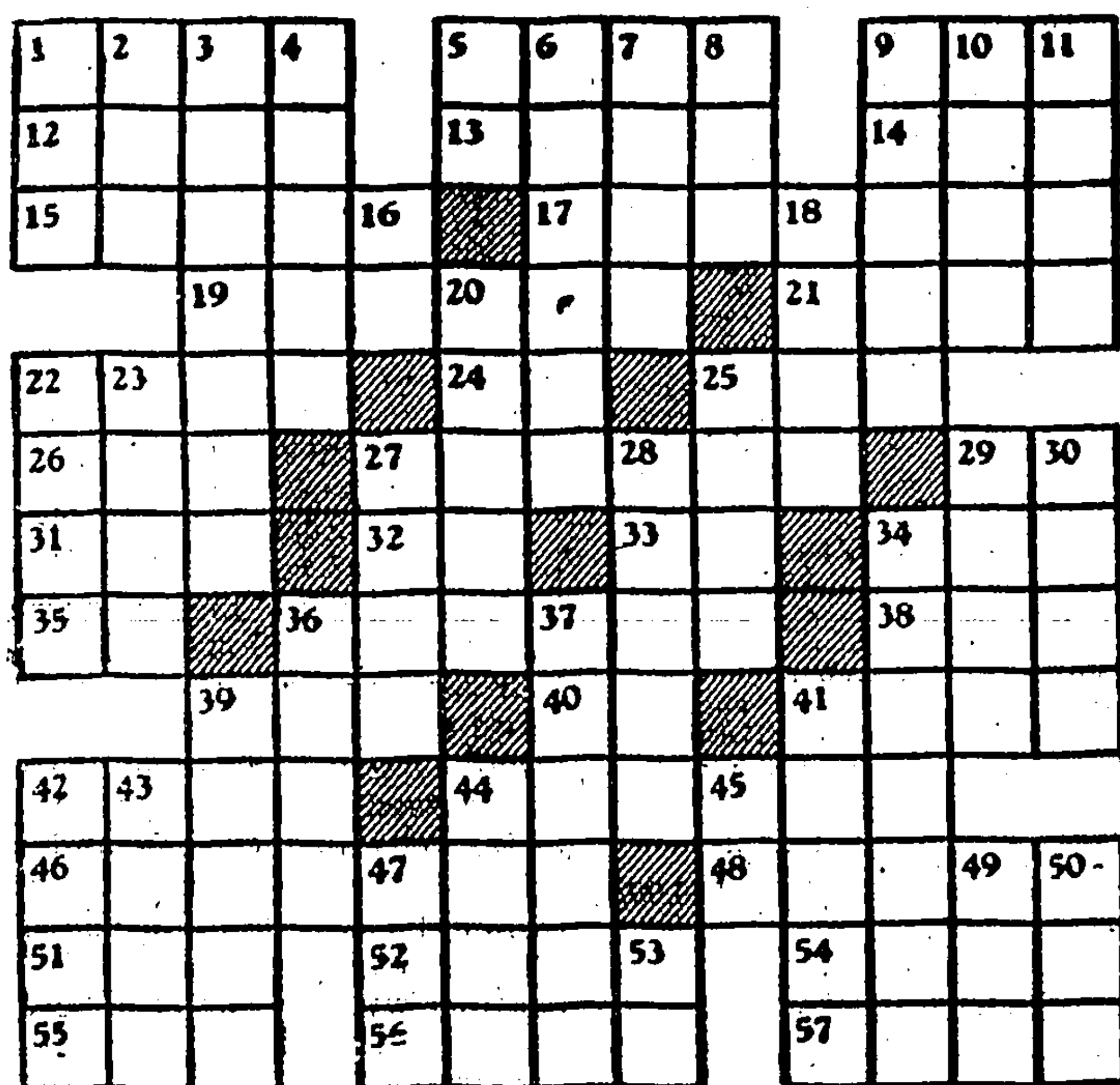
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- 5 Profit
- 9 Hawaiian wreath
- 12 Old Greek coin
- 13 Turkish military camp
- 14 To bring forth
- 15 Europeans
- 17 To disavow
- 19 Accounts
- 21 To imitate
- 22 Bird class
- 24 Plural ending
- 25 Forest tree
- 26 Operated
- 27 Checking device
- 29 Keynote
- 31 Knack
- 32 Hypothetical force
- 33 Brother of Odin
- 34 Grassy soil
- 35 Alongside
- 36 Pet
- 38 Day before festival
- 39 Total

VERTICAL

- 40 Forward
- 41 To state
- 42 Maple genus
- 44 Senility
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- 48 Biblical weeds
- 51 Bitter vetch
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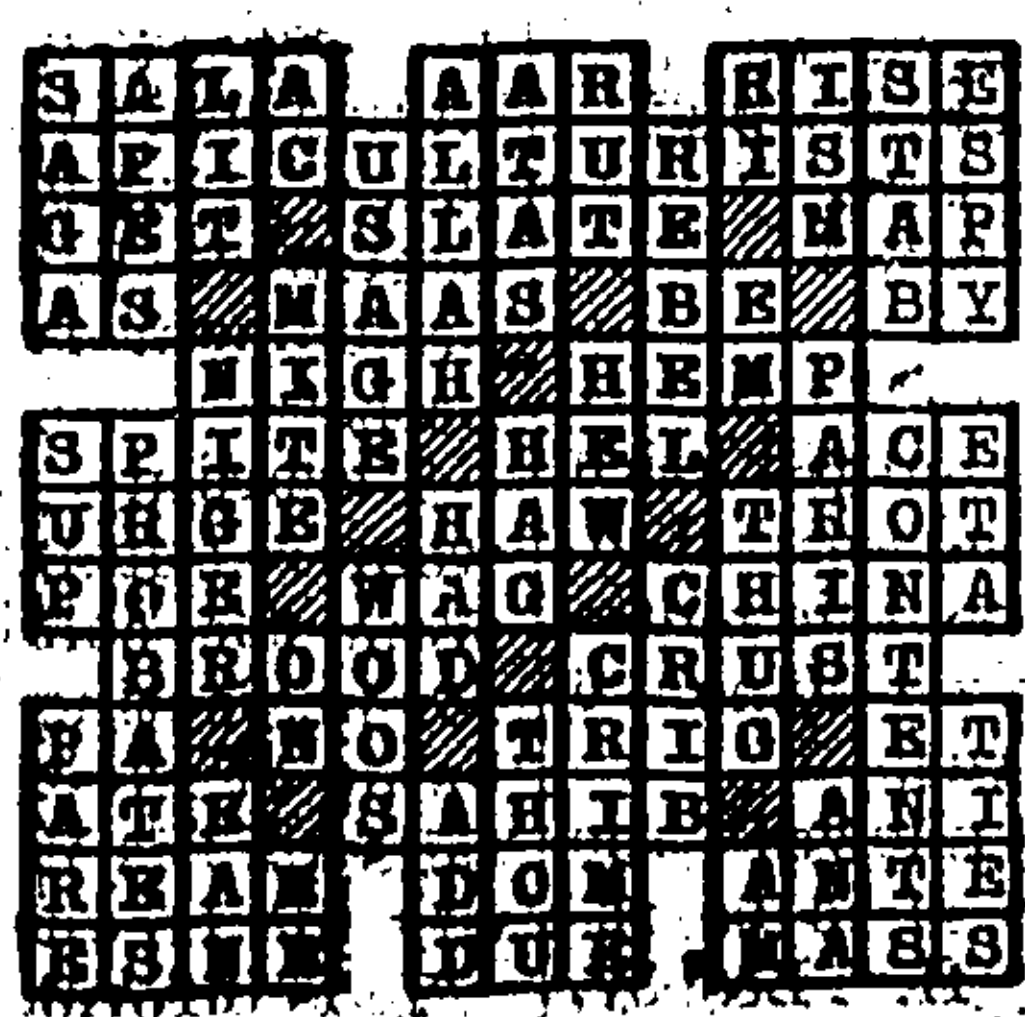
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- 1 Legume
- 2 Sleeveless garment
- 3 Agreement
- 4 Fish sauces
- 5 To depart
- 6 To halt

VERTICAL

- 7 Roman date
- 8 Shelled fruit
- 9 Percolate through ashes
- 10 Every
- 11 Preposition
- 16 Hence
- 18 Balance
- 20 Tough grasses
- 22 Desert dweller
- 23 To differ
- 25 Dill
- 27 Fate
- 28 Outcome
- 29 Pigeon
- 30 German river
- 34 Harsher
- 36 Brusque
- 37 Earlier
- 39 To feel
- 41 Size of type
- 42 Cards
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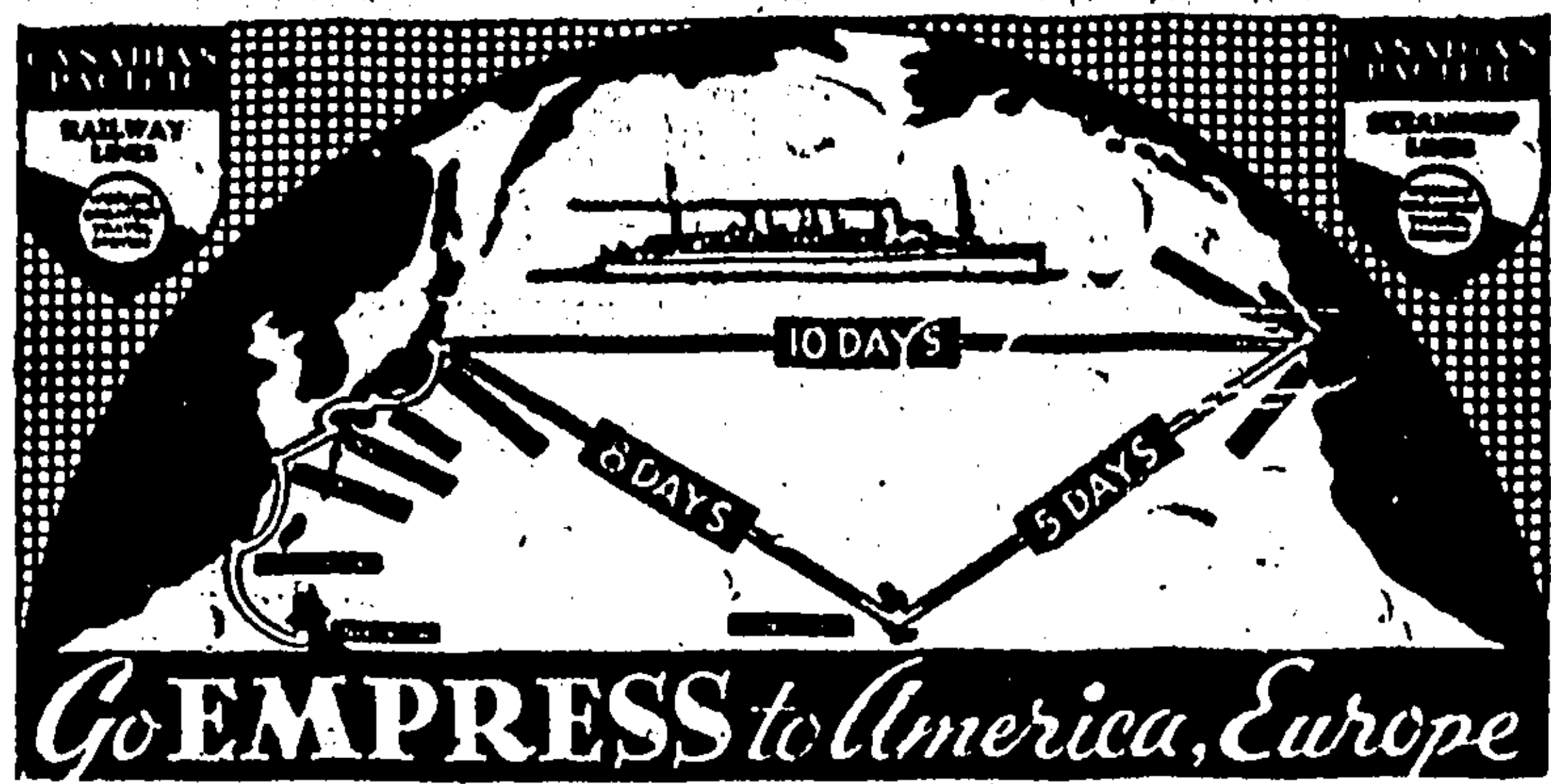
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PREMIER READS ROMANCES FOR RECREATION: DICTATORS LEAVE LITTLE LEISURE

Mr. Chamberlain turned aside from serious affairs of State recently to preside over the anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund which was held at the Hotel Victoria.

It was fortunate for him, he said, that Prime Ministers were not marked off for their contributions to literature, otherwise he would certainly be at the bottom of the list. It was extraordinary how many Prime Ministers had been authors, though he cherished the belief that their writings were not done while they were in office. (Hear, hear.)

As his business was to commend the Fund he would rather speak of his debt to Literature.

"I will admit," said Mr. Chamberlain, "that my favourite romances are those of the Elder Dumas, and the superb stories left to us by Joseph Conrad, with their haunting sense of ever present mystery."

"Some people find their relief in poetry. I always think that you must have a poetical ear as you have a musical ear."

"While I hope I am not entirely insensible to the charms of poetry, I must admit that I cannot sit down to read a book of poetry unless it is coupled with drama, as we find in our own immortal Shakespeare."

NO POCKET SHAKESPEARE

"It is not true, as I sometimes see it said in the Press, that I go about with a volume of Shakespeare always in my pocket, but I do occasionally indulge in a perusal of some of his works."

"The great interest and delight that I find in Shakespeare is not so much in the words as in the study of the development of his characters, minor as well as major. They seem to be of another world, yet always they seem to be part of our modern life."

"I think it is the same eager desire to get away from the real present that leads people to devote themselves to crime stories. I am not above swallowing one myself as a sort of literary cocktail."

"But it is as easy to become an addict to detective stories as to opium and cross-word puzzles, and I have preferred to treat them as an occasional excess."

"One of the things about which I pick a bone with dictators is that they leave so little time for reading. For days together they have been making speeches. Often I cannot read for 20 minutes without a visitor coming in and saying, 'He has done it again.' (Laughter.)"

"So you see how difficult it is for me to get the reading I should like. But in those odd moments that come to me I find relief in those excellent works on fishing that I do not think you would class as literature, but which take me back to the rivers that I cannot visit in person and recall to my mind many of the thrilling moments that I would like to repeat again."

"Always, however, I cherish at the back of my mind the idea that some day I shall have leisure to take down those serious volumes which remain unread upon my shelves. And so I conclude by saying to you that even a busy man like myself, engrossed in the affairs of public life, does find change and recreation and new strength in reading when he can, and he can eke out those scanty opportunities by recalling what he has read before and anticipating what he will read again."

It was announced that donations to the fund totalled £1,800, to which the King contributed £25 and the Prime Minister £5.

WOMAN SPY SHOT IN LENINGRAD

A woman spy, whose name is not disclosed, has been shot in Leningrad by order of the Military Collegium. Her soldier lover, whose name is also withheld, has been sentenced to a "long term of imprisonment for criminal carelessness."

According to the verdict, the woman obtained military secrets from the soldier by chiding him for neglecting her. He got into the habit of giving her the fullest details of his military duties to justify his frequent absences.

This information was, it is stated, communicated to an unnamed foreign Power.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1415 sa.
INSURANCES	
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$180 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	\$67 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H. K. and K. Wharves	\$108½ b., \$108/9 sa.
H. K. Docks	\$18 b.
Providents	\$4¼ b., \$4.85 s., \$4.77½/- 80 sa.
MINING	
Antamoks Ps.	.27 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	.24 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	.35½ sa.
Itogons Ps.	.22½ sa.
North Camarines Ps.	.35 sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	1.06 sa.
United Paracales Ps.	.51 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels	\$5.65 b.
H. K. Lands	\$35¼ b., \$35¼ s.
Humphreys	\$7.90 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$16½ b., \$16.06/65 sa.
Star Ferries	\$66¼ b.
China Lights (Old)	\$8.55 b.
China Lights (New)	\$5.55 b.
H. K. Electrics	\$55¼ b.
Sandakan Lights	\$12 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Canton Ices	\$1 b.
Cements	\$13.30 b.
H. K. Ropes	\$3.70 b.
STORES, &C.	
Dairy Farms, Ex. Rts.	\$21.85 b., \$22 sa.
Dairy Farms, Ex. Rts. (Old)	\$21.85 b.
Dairy Farms, Right (New)	\$20¼ b.
Watsons	\$8¼ b., \$8¼/40 sa.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$41 b.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Constructions	\$1.40 b.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan	4%pm. b.

FRAUD CASE HEARING

The case in which Edward Davies Sykes, 45, broker, is charged with defrauding Reliance Motors Ltd. of \$1,250 and \$1,000, was this morning fixed for hearing on June 6 and 9 by Mr. R. Edwards.

The defendant was allowed the same bail, \$3,000. He is to be represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, while Mr. O. E. C. Marton will appear for complainant firm.

CHARITY FAIR ON THE PEAK

The Children's Charity Fair arranged for Saturday next, at Sir Robert Ho Tung's residence, 254, The Peak has been postponed for a fortnight until Saturday, June 17th.

The Fair is the second of its kind, organised on behalf of the Hong Kong Branch of the National Association for the Care of War Orphans.

It is hoped that by June 17th., the weather will have had time to settle, race-goers will be relieved of temptations from Happy Valley, the organisers will have had more time to find new and more attractive side shows, and the general public will have had more time to secure tickets, both for the Entrance and for the many attractive prizes which include a \$250 Rolex wrist watch, several beautiful dolls a doll's basket, a doll's rubber bath, and numerous other splendid prizes. Tickets are obtainable from the Association's office on the 2nd Floor of the Bank of Canton Building, or from Moutrie's or Tsang Fook's Music Store. As there is a swimming pool on the premises, it is hoped to arrange for Swimming and a breeches buoy.

NEW MINELAYER JOINS CHINA SQUADRON

H.M.S. Redstart, a new small-type mine-layer, arrived in Hong Kong late yesterday afternoon to join the China Squadron.

Commanded by Lieutenant A. F. Jackson, she was commissioned on November 1, 1938. She is a vessel of 498 tons, her engines developing 400 horsepower.

H.M.S. Kent leaves port to-day on exercises.

MR. STRANG IN WARSAW

London, To-day.

Mr. William Strang, Chief of the Central European Department of the Foreign Office, left here on Whit Sunday by air for Warsaw, according to the "Daily Express."

He will spend ten days with the British Ambassador in Warsaw, Sir Howard Kennard.

Mr. Strang, who accompanied Mr. Chamberlain in September, 1938, to Germany, is one of the most important men of the British Foreign Office.—Trans-Ocean.

HORRIFIED WHEN SHE WAS WEIGHED

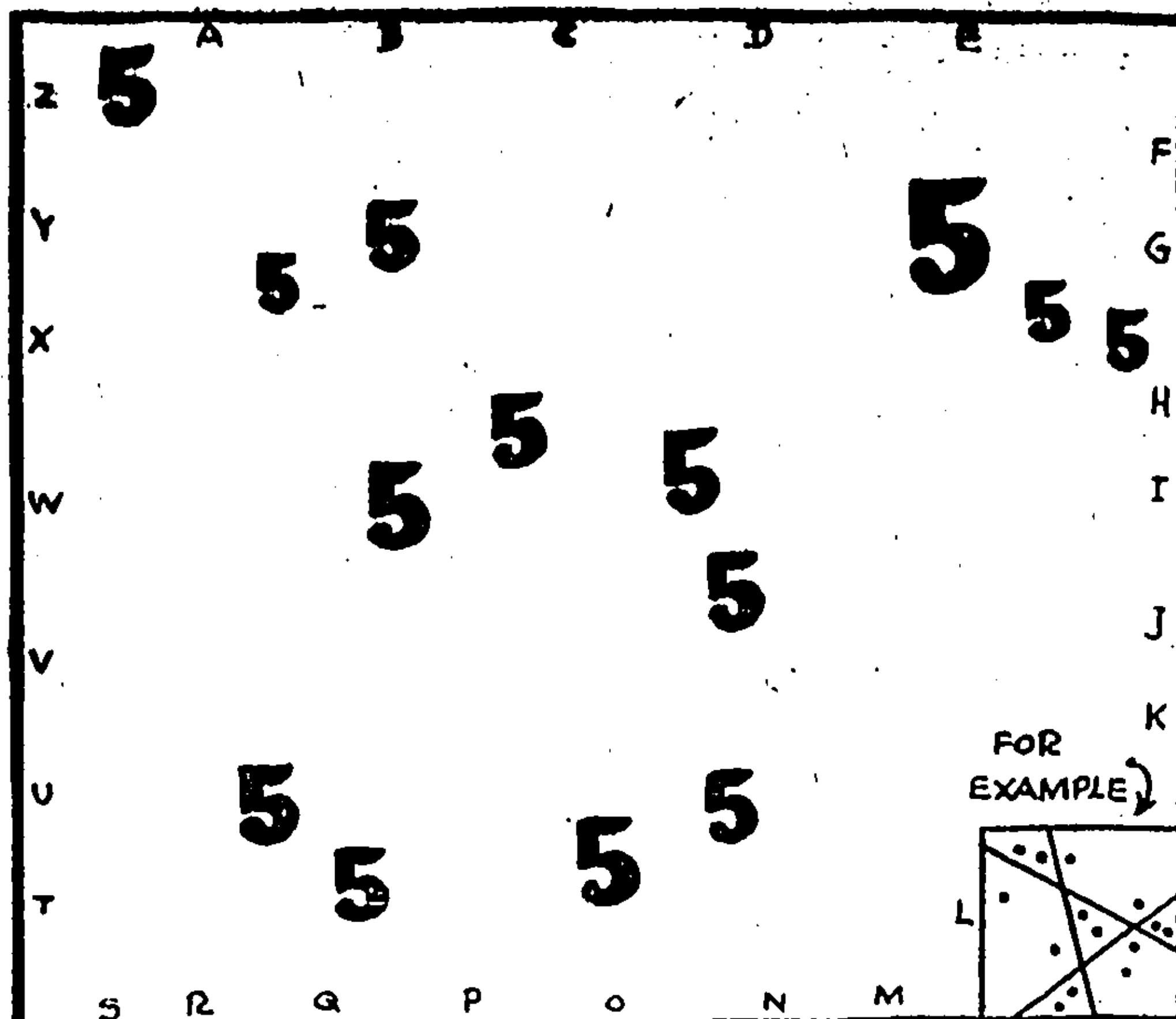
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DAMAGE TO FRENCH CHURCH

Ichang, To-day.

Acting upon instructions from the French Government, Commander Ferte-Senectere, Air Attache of the French Embassy in China, is investigating the damage to the French Church caused by Japanese planes in the recent air raid here.

He left here for Chungking en route to Kunming yesterday.—Central News.

WEST AFRICA ENQUIRY

London, To-day.

The "Daily Express" has announced that it is sending a special reporter to West-Africa to investigate disquietening reports of poverty among the natives in Gambia, Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast.

The special reporter is to be Morley Richards, whose reports on Newfoundland attracted widespread attention.—Trans-Ocean.

TREATY RATIFIED

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, by a decree yesterday, ratified the German-Rumanian economic treaty of March 23.

The decree is to be published in the official Gazette shortly.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

We have been appointed Sole Agents in Hong Kong for Carl Schlieper, Remscheid, Germany, for Hardware, Tools & Cutlery as from to-day's date.

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WARNING TO AIR PASSENGERS

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Governments of British North Borneo and of the Straits Settlements against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera. All passengers by air or sea should produce certificates that they have been inoculated against cholera not less than six days and not more than six months prior to the date of their arrival in the Straits Settlements.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-25/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 19-15/16 and forward at 19-3/4.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6828 and the New York or London rate £—U.S.\$4.68-5/16.

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GOLF

Locke Leads Whitcombe In Challenge Match

Champions Of Britain And S. Africa In Keen Duel

Locke Does Second Round In Seven Under Par

London, To-day.—Arthur Locke, the South African Open Champion, led Reginald Whitcombe, British Open Champion by two holes at the end of the 36th. in the £500 aside golf challenge match over 72 holes at Coombe Hill.

TO-NIGHT'S BIG FIGHT

BAER SERIOUS: NO SMOKING FOR SEVEN WEEKS!

New York, To-day.—Max Baer, who fights Lou Nova at the Yankee Stadium to-night, is perfectly satisfied regarding his physical condition and answers doubters who describe him as a veteran with: "What about Fitzsimmons, who was still a headliner when past 40. I am 30!"

Baer trained seriously his manager says. "He hasn't smoked for seven weeks." — Reuter.

Members of the South China Athletic Association are reminded that the courts at King's Park, which were closed for re-turfing last month, are now ready and will be opened on Saturday.

Thirty-six holes were played yesterday and 36 will be played to-day.

Locke's first 18 holes, when he led by one, took him 70, while Whitcombe took 72. The course par is 75.

In his second round of 68, seven under par, Locke led by three holes at the 25th. but Whitcombe in a fighting rally, squared the 31st.

Whitcombe's second round took him 71. — Reuter.

JOE DAVIS LEAVES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

London, May 19. Joe Davis, United Kingdom professional billiards champion, left London yesterday for South Africa on a five months' tour.

Captain S. Burn, of the Royal Scots, has taken over the duties of secretary of the Hong Kong Area Sports Board from Captain E. H. B. Neill, of the Seaforth Highlanders. His telephone number is Headquarters 67.



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S. CHINA GALA POSTPONED

The South China Athletic Association first swimming gala, which was scheduled to take place yesterday evening, has been postponed.

It will now take place on Monday evening, June 12.

LAWN BOWLS

TO-DAY'S MATCH POSTPONED

The Open Pairs lawn bowls match fixed for this afternoon between L. A. Collyer and F. H. W. Haynes and N. A. E. Mackay and R. E. Lee, on the Kowloon Football Club green has been postponed owing to the poor state of the ground.

BOWLS TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

C.S.C.C.

v. I.R.C. (Away)

E. Kirman, H. Strange, W. Burling and J. Hollidge (skip).
M. Purvis, J. Carr, C. Strange and M. Rakusen (skip).
R. Davis, R. Wood, L. Collyer and J. Deakin (skip).

C.S.C.C.

v. Kowloon Tong (Away)

D. Crawley, T. College, F. Haynes and W. Bagley (skip).
F. Harper, E. Bradshaw, L. Whant and W. Hillyer (skip).
F. Austin, A. Allan, A. Stevens and S. Eccleshall (skip).

KOWLOON TONG

v. C.S.C.C. (Home)

C. Mose, J. Tang, J. L. Stephens and A. Spary (skip).
Y. Abbas, A. E. Castro, A. J. Kew and A. H. Basto (skip).
J. N. Wong, T. K. Lim, W. J. Howard and H. Gittins (skip).
Reserves:—T. M. Gregory and H. Castro.

H.K.F.C.

v. K.B.G.C. (Home)

J. S. Howell, E. L. Strange, J. Beach and J. A. R. Selby (skip).
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, W. J. Reid and A. Brooksbank (skip).
W. Kershaw, G. E. Stephens, L. Lammert and N. Bebbington (skip).

H.K.F.C.

v. K.C.C. (Away)

C. G. Solis, H. G. Wallington, S. Cressey and V. Walker (skip).
F. Anslow, C. H. Needham, J. Ralston and H. H. Pegg (skip).
E. Casey, J. H. Gelling, T. Rowell and J. Russell (skip).

K.C.C.

v. Hong Kong F.C. (Home)

W. E. Hobbs, F. P. Nash, R. S. Meadows and J. M. Jack (skip).
W. Naef, A. Madar, A. W. Ramsay and T. W. Carr (skip).
A. C. Tribble, H. J. Smith, G. W. Bowden and W. W. Hirst (skip).

v. Police R.C. (Away)

V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, H. Nish and F. Goodwin (skip).
W. Hyde, T. A. Madar, H. Overy and E. C. Fincher (skip).
Geo. Lee, W. Mulcahy, J. Hyde and E. Kern (skip).

I.R.C.

v. C.S.C.C. (Away)

J. Hoosen, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (skip).
D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (skip).
A. H. Rumjahn, A. Bakar, A. O. Madar and M. R. Abbas (skip).

To-Day's Tennis

Owing to the weather, there was no League tennis yesterday.

With signs of some improvement this morning, prospects look decidedly more encouraging and there appears every likelihood that the League will be continued to-day for the first time this week.

Matches to-day are in the "D" Division and the following is the programme and some of the teams:—

TO-DAY

"D" Division (1)

K.T.G.C.A. v K.I.T.C.
I.R.C. (B) v K.C.C.
K.D.R.C. v Y.M.C.A.

"D" Division (2)

C.R.C. v C.S.C.C.
C.D.R. v I.R.C. (A)
R.P.S.C. v S.C.A.A.

R.S.C.:—Wong Ching-wei and Ho Tak-sang; Fung Ying-sing and Chau Chun-ip; Tso Kwok-sai and So Yau-kit.

S.C.A.A.:—K. C. Wong and K. T. Ng; C. S. Wong and P. Y. Kwok; C. M. Chang and H. L. Wong.

C.R.C.:—Wei Chung and T. S. Lo; T. H. Chui and P. F. Li; C. Y. Cho and K. S. Cheung.

K.T.G.C.A.:—Because of the inclement weather, no team had been selected last night.

European Y.M.C.A.:—W. Lomax and W. Long; E. Curtis and S. Finn; D. Spare and C. Anstice.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF TOURNEY

The following is the draw for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Happy Valley Summer Foursomes:

Byes into Second Round: G. T. May (13) and W. F. Barnes (a) v. F. J. de Rome (8) and G. W. Reeve (13); H. G. Wallington (9) and H. G. Beddow (14) v. W. Woodward (12) and A. H. Barwell (18).

First Round: J. W. Mayhew (8) and T. Hewitt (13) v. R. M. Wood (12) and J. E. Richardson (a); Surg. Cdr. Nicholson (8) and Major Harvey (7) v. T. R. Rowell (12) and D. J. Valentine (12); W. N. A. Smalley (12) and D. S. Edward (3) v. S. F. Chubb (15) and W. J. Jowitt (12); C. H. Burton (8) and A. Sommerfelt (7) v. R. Young (6) and R. H. Gregory (12); J. W. Macdonald (7) and G. Davies (12) v. A. J. Macfadyen (18) and F. Buckle (12); E. Tuck (14) and W. V. Ahern (9) v. R. K. Valentine (7) and L. M. S. Lloyd (12); I. P. Tamworth (6) and J. B. Mackie (5) v. H. Smith (8) and E. Greenwood (18); C. C. Stark (9) and C. M. Stark (8) v. A. D. Humphreys (8) and D. Humphreys (9); J. Linaker (14) and A. McKellar (6) v. G. E. Willerton (12) and R. Ellis (15).

Byes into Second Round: C. E. Moore (14) and A. Pollard (13); A. J. Dennis (9) and W. S. Hillier (8) v. T. A. Jones (x) and V. S. Ebbage (18).

Players without handicaps will play from scratch if not in possession of a local handicap.

All matches must be played off on the mornings of, or by mutual agreement before the following dates: First Round on or before June 25, second round on or before July 9, third round on or before July 23, semi-final round on or before August 6 and final on or before August 20.

The first pair in each bracket is responsible for arranging dates. Players with a handicap marked (a) have handicaps under consideration.

The Promise Of Compton

Howorth As Logical Successor To Verity.

HOME CRICKET TOPICS

London, May 25.

The form of the thirty-year-old Howorth, of Worcestershire, is the most satisfactory feature of this season from the point of view of England's chances in representative cricket of the near future, writes E. H. D. Sewell.

If there is not already there should be ere long a gap in our Eleven for a slow left-arm bowler. This can be written without in the least tending to deprecate Verity's ability.

That is a thing I would be unlikely to do, as the first time I saw him bowl I replied, when asked by Lord Hawke what I thought of him, in effect:—"He must go on the next trip to Australia, and is a certainty for years." But, except after rain, Verity's powers have been on the wane for some time now, and his batting has not made a similar big advance to that which crowned Rhodes's cricket career long since.

BOWLING FINGERS

After watching Howorth bowling in the first innings against the West Indians, I expressed regret in other columns that he had never seen Rhodes bowl at his best, and that he ought to bowl a yard or so slower. Whether Howorth read that or not, I have no means of knowing, but he certainly bowled slower, and with success, in their second innings. Since then he impressed knowledgeable watchers when Surrey beat Worcestershire at the Oval, and went on to bowl Hammond neck and crop at Bristol in the course of such a thoroughly good analysis as 20.3 overs, 6 maidens, 45 runs, 6 wickets. That he was "fighting her" well in this innings is seen from the fact that he bagged Hammond jumped in to drive. Howorth is not a bad fielder, and is a capable left-handed hitter. I wish he was a right-handed one. All good left-handed bowlers should, like Hirst and Rhodes, bat right-handed. Doing so is so much safer for their most valuable assets, the bowling fingers.

Mention of this reminds me of a fact, for knowledge of which I have to thank my old friend of fifty years, G. J. V. Weigall. It is that Colin Blythe did a lot of violin playing. Though he was never in the Kreisler class the practice did no end of good to his twiddling fingers. Gerry reminded me that a very useful bowler at Oxford, G. F. H. Berkeley, was the star turn at Wellington at the piano. About the best slow left Cambridge have had for many years, H. Grierson, was also a "dab" at the piano—so good, indeed, that his friends never hesitated to tell him that was what he got his Blue for, someone at the piano being so useful when the side was on tour! The Sussex left-hand bat and slow bowler, Killick, now their scorer, was also a useful pianist. I wonder whether these cricket schools that have sprung up all over the place like mushrooms have a music room? I don't know; as I never go near them.

A NOTTS PROPHECY

That what bowlers do in their spare time is of vital importance I am satisfied, because of what that dear old Solon among cricketers, Alfred Shaw, told me in 1900. We were talking of Notts and her then never-ending supply of bowlers. Said he in other words:—"Aye, but that sun has set. Now the machine has replaced the loom, we'll never again have the same fingers." How true has been that prophecy, made at a time when I was enjoying the coaching of old Alfred and of Bobby Peel (in Ranji's opinion the greatest Roman of them all at the left-handed job), the years have shown. Only a few weeks ago the chairman of Notts Committee, Mr. Douglas M'Crath, told Notts and the world exactly what he

thought about what has gone out of Notts cricket.

HOW MIDDLESEX WON

Captain J. W. A. Stephenson, who, I understand, has left the Army, played the lion's part in the win of Middlesex by two wickets two minutes from time last Friday at Lord's. He declared, leaving his opponents two hours and fifteen minutes in which to make 224 runs, knowing when he did so that Smith was the most likely opponent to get runs quickly, and that he, Stephenson, would be minus his most likely bowler, Smith (P.), for getting rid of Smith. He then proceeded to place the best possible field for Smith to make a good score, five and sometimes six fielders on the off-side, Smith having only one stroke, and that a blue-eyed hoick into the anywhere—and sometimes the famous tavern—between long-on and deep square-leg. I reckoned up that of Smith's valuable 45 in, roughly, 20 minutes, 42 were made from just on the on-side of the straight-drive (he hit the sight-screen thrice with no fielder within 10 yards of the ball) round to forward square leg. Add to this that the only slow bowler, Taylor (left arm over the wicket with an occasional googlie which is the prescription "Dr." Smith would write down for himself) was only put on at the pavilion end with the shorter tavern boundary, and that the new ball was not taken at 200 (time 5.15 and three wickets to fall), though that new ball specialist, Nichols, had had a rest, but at 218, or six to win, and the distant reader will perceive at once how the affair was offered to Middlesex, so to speak, on a silver. But who am I to record these facts? I was once in an Essex side that made over 590 in the first innings, and then lost by a lot more than two wickets, too, and this time Essex had made only 403 in the first innings.

COMPTON AND FOOTBALL

I was pleased to be told at Lord's last week-end that Compton is giving up football. Whether this is news to the Arsenal and the soccer world generally I do not know. But assuming that it is not a case of the wish having propagated the thought, it will be jolly good news for English cricket. This raw youngster of 1937—when he was not so good as Edrich—is ripening the right way. He has discovered for himself (or Patsy Hendren has been whispering in his ear) that much of the sempiternal doctrine of our cricket school drones is sheer bunkum. I'm thinking here particularly of "Defence comes first," and the consequent monotonous hammering in of the "cover-up-and-play-back" action as being the basic one of all batsmanship. This perfidious axiom is the modern fruit borne by the careless "play back or hit" rule which "Ranji" inflicted on the world of cricket way back some 85 years ago—a rule which, as it suited the eagle-eyed Rajput down to his nimble boot tips, was, for that reason alone, quite unsuitable for the rank and file of the rest of us leaden-footed slow-thinkers; sometimes, too, a little deficient in grey matter.

As I told "Ranji" himself, when alongside him in a too comfortable chair on a Jerningham verandah, that "play back or hit" maxim of his was

CRICKET AUTHORITIES WORRIED

A PART from the discovery of young cricketers like Len Hutton, Denis Compton, and Bill Edrich, there are few new English cricketers to take the place of the old.

A preliminary survey of the various counties does not show any promising young players to take the place of the Hobbses, Sutcliffe, etc.

Middlesex have a promising youngster in Thompson, who made 132 for the Young Professionals against the Young Amateurs last summer, while Leslie Compton, brother of Denis, should get a place in the Middlesex eleven.

Lancashire expects great things from P. Cooper, batsman; J. Oldham, an all-rounder; S. Banham, a wicket-keeper; and J. Dyson, a right-armed medium-paced bowler.

Yorkshire, being the champion team, are content with their present team, so there is little chance of any new talent being developed.

Frank Woolley has been specially engaged by Leicestershire to coach a young left-arm bowler, Frank West, of whom the county has a high opinion. Worcestershire expect Jenkins, another spin bowler they have been nursing carefully, to do well.

Will the 1939 season produce any new stars? That is the question troubling more than one county and few would care to prophesy.

HOME CRICKET

Another Century By Gimblett

Leicester, May 21.

Gimblett maintained his brilliant form yesterday, at Leicester, where he scored 80 before lunch. After three successive three-figure opening partnerships by Lee and Gimblett, the Leicestershire bowlers were thankful to see Lee dismissed at 23.

Buse began shakily, but later he gained confidence and showed a sound defence, while Gimblett proceeded to punish the bowling. Driving and pulling splendidly, Gimblett took two boundaries in Sperry's second over, and when that bowler changed ends Gimblett scored 18 in an over, including four sparkling boundaries.

In seventy-five minutes Gimblett completed 51 out of 80, but when 62 he mistimed a hit to cover off Prentice, and was fortunate to see Tompkin fail to hold the catch. Otherwise Gimblett was always master of the situation, and by lunch-time the Somerset total stood at 128.

Leicestershire's effort to subdue the batsmen were successful for a time, but when Astill went on with his slows Buse reached 50, and Gimblett completed

bound to do harm to our batting as a whole. It looked sound on paper, but does not win three-day matches—unless you happen to be a Ranji. It does not win in the allotted time, because, normally, bowling is constantly so much on the short side that the most ordinary of players can cover-up, and, playing back, pat the long hop on to the ground, under the impression that he is batting, while all the time he's whistling for the one to hit! Meanwhile the hands of the clock don't tarry. Hence the series of futile innings which have used up an hour or two for some 30 to 45 patted runs—themselves the fons et origo of the untenanted outfields to be seen in every match, even when medium slow bowlers are on.

THE REAL TEST

In both his superb innings since my last article, Compton has flung his left leg into the attack, good and hearty, and, as he has a grand eye and a jolly good pair of wrists and forearms, the runs have followed—as they will very often with him on all plumb wickets. Note the qualification, because I want to see some 50s from him when nobody else has got a dozen before suggesting he will be one day in the John Tyldesley, F. S. Jackson, Jack Hobbs class, Bradman. I have yet to see, or read about, making a really noticeable score except on plumb stuff. I do not suggest he cannot, but I do suggest that, taking him year by year, he has had the most remarkable series of good wicket seasons to play in of any great batsman in history.

ed his third century of the season.

EASY CATCH

The second-wicket partnership had yielded 161 when Gimblett's fine display ended with an easy catch to short leg. He had batted two and three-quarter hours and hit fifteen 4's. So far this summer Gimblett has batted eight times and scored 561 runs. Twice not out, his average stands at 93.50.

Leicestershire then met with more success. A grand catch by Dawkes, the wicket-keeper, accounted for Andrews, while a splendid catch at second slip closed Buse's prolonged innings.

Seamer was dismissed in rather curious fashion when he touched a rising ball which bounced off the wicket-keeper's shoulder to second slip, where Sperry accepted the catch. Flansom promptly bowled Bennett, but Leicestershire committed a dangerous blunder when Wellard was missed before he had scored. At the tea interval Somerset were 247 for seven wickets.

SOMERSET—First Innings

Lee, l.b.w., b Flansom	7
Gimblett, c Smith, b Astill	108
Buse, c Tompkin, b Flansom	75
Andrews, c Dawkes, b Smith	1
J. W. Seamer, c Sperry, b Smith	28
E. F. Longrigg, b Sperry	1
C. J. Barnwell, l.b.w., b Smith	14
G. M. Bennett, b Flansom	0
Wellard, not out	32
Luckes, c Flansom, b Smith	7
Hazell, run out	0
Extras	8

Total 281
Bowling.—Flansom 3 for 114, Sperry 1 for 49, Smith 4 for 45, Prentice 0 for 20, Lester 0 for 25, Astill 1 for 20.

LEICESTERSHIRE—First Innings

Perry, not out	15
Prentice, not out	5
Extras	8

Total (0 wkt.) 28
LATER.—Leicestershire 44 for 2.

LOCKE BEATEN AGAIN

London, May 19. — A. D. (Bobby) Locke suffered another defeat in a four-ball match yesterday. With his amateur partner, L. Oates, he played 18 holes against Brigadier-General A. G. Critchley and H. C. Longhurst at George Hill, Kingston, and lost on the last green.

Locke did the first nine holes in 33, and turned 1 up, but took 38 home. Critchley was round in 70, and his side had a better-ball score of 69 against 70.

WOODERSON'S FAST MILE

London, May 21.—S. C. Wooderson, the world record holder for the mile, set up a track record at Bourneville (Birmingham) sports, yesterday, when winning the mile invitation scratch race in 4 min. 12 sec. The Midlands record was established in the same event last year by J. W. J. Alford, the British Empire mile champion, with 4 min. 15 2-5 sec., but Alford did not compete this year owing to a strained knee.

WELSH LADIES' TITLE

London, May 19.—Mrs. Bruce Burrell (Royal Porthcawl) won the Welsh Ladies' Championship at Swansea Bay yesterday, defeating Miss Hilda Reynolds (Newport, Monmouth), champion, by 2 and 1 in the thirty-six holes final.

LAWN TENNIS

Wembley Professional Tournament

London, May 19.—A burst arc lamp, which came crashing down on to the court, startled both spectators and players during the professional match between W. T. Tilden and Hans Nusslein at Wembley last night. Tilden and Nusslein were playing a rally when the bulb of the light burst, and a shower of glass fell over the net. Play was held up while the fragments were swept away.

Nusslein beat Tilden 6-3, 6-2. It was a match of long, hard driving, with Nusslein the steadier, and a good deal faster on his feet. Tilden had to do much more running than he likes, and as he tired his shots became more uncertain.

Donald Budge recorded his second victory in the competition by defeating Ellsworth Vines, 6-4, 6-3. It was not a great match, and there were far too many mistakes, especially on the part of Vines.

The hitting was terrific, but Vines had not the same control as Budge.

EIRE DRAW WITH HUNGARY

Budapest, May 19.—Eire and Hungary drew at 2-2 in an Association football match here-to-day. At half-time Hungary led by one goal to nil. Sarosi and Kollath scored for Hungary and O'Flannagan twice for Eire. —Press Association.

and he was particularly erratic on his strongest wing—the forehead. The low ball which fell at his feet in the forecourt also beat Vines repeatedly, and he was passed too often to make much success of a net attack.

Budge, without showing the form which enabled him to beat Tilden easily in his first match, was the superior, and, after breaking through Vines's service in the seventh game of the second set, he had little difficulty in winning.



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KING LEVINSKY AND
ROSENBLOOM FIGHT FOR

By Leo Fuller

THE CRAZY CHAMPIONSHIP
OF CALIFORNIA

THE irrepressible Slapsie-Maxie Rosenbloom has taken part in some rare contests, but few of them are more colourful than his grudge fight with King Levinsky. Levinsky is a celebrated screw ball, and most of Hollywood think Maxie is nuts, so when the two were matched the forthcoming fight was blazoned as the Heavyweight Crazy Championship of California! The fighters were referred to as the Screw Sluggers, and the stars gleefully anticipated the clash.

Nor was anyone disappointed. For weeks beforehand, both warriors loudly promised to wreak the worst possible vengeance on each other; "I'll knock that Rosenbloom right back into his night club," snarled Levinsky.

"I'm going to hit Levinsky so hard that the punch'll travel round the family and knock his sister out," grated Rosenbloom.

And so it went on, the publicity drums booming louder and louder, and fantastic tales circulating concerning Maxie and King. Levinsky's sister, known to the fight fans as "Leaping Lena," and a fierce Amazon of a woman, lent her strident voice to the pre-battle threats. Amongst other things, she vehemently denied the truth of the story of Levinsky's visit to England.

He came to London to box Jack Doyle, and at a sportsman's dinner, when the toasts were being drunk, and the toast master intoned: "Gentlemen—the King!" Levinsky rose to his feet and shook his clasped hands over his head.

The Great Night

At last the great night arrived, and thousands poured into the Olympic Stadium in Los Angeles. Maxie had done most of his training, night clubbing with the Ritz Brothers, never getting to bed before four a.m., and hav-



LEVINSKY

ing a hair cut and a shave by way of serious preparation! As he had adopted the same training tactics for his seventeen years of battling, no one took much notice.

In the evening Maxie roared up to the entrance of the hall in a rakish sports car, filled to overflowing with blondes, and saw a heaving, pushing, excited throng, milling around the door. As a rising movie actor, Maxie was sure this was a demonstration on behalf of his public. To his annoyance he found the crowd was surrounding Leaping Lena, who was being assisted into the building, covered with bandages. Apparently she had become embroiled in some kind of a brawl, but not even a broken back would keep her out of her brother's corner.

The fans were hanging from the rafters when the big fight started. Every Hollywood celebrity crammed the ringside seats. There had been quite a row about the size of the gloves, and the men had nearly come to blows

before the opening bell. Maxie and King were pulled, struggling, apart, and held in their corners until the official start!

They met in the centre of the ring like two colliding locomotives, and the crowd started roaring the minute they touched gloves. Levinsky, a tough slugger, let go with both fists. Maxie parried and slapped a few lefts into his foe's face. Suddenly King started an overarm right, missed by inches, and staggered off balance. He presented a beautiful target, and Rosenbloom stepped neatly in and flattened him with a clean, crisp, left hook.

As Levinsky bounced on the canvas, the spectators howled, but, rising above their noise was the piercing, strident voice of Leaping Lena. She almost had hysterics! Jumping up from her seat, she lived up to her name, and staggered across to the ring. Leaping right under the bottom rope, she shrieked at her brother to get up.

Levinsky Revives

There must have been some peculiar quality in her voice, because Levinsky seemed suddenly galvanised into action, jumped to his feet and was pressing a surprised Rosenbloom against the ropes and swinging mightily.

Leaping Lena was forcibly put back to her seat, and the fight proceeded. It was one of the dirtiest, savagest, most illegal affairs ever seen in California. The only reason Rosenbloom didn't bite Levinsky was because he was saving his teeth for screen work! But Levinsky really went to town on these lines. There wasn't a regulation he didn't break, there wasn't a rule he did observe!

King was warned repeatedly by the referee, but he took little notice, and the pair of them scrapped in the centre of the ring like alley cats.

The fighters' tactics and tempers became worse as the bout raged on its spitting way. Halfway through Levinsky lovingly rubbed the lace of his glove across Maxie's cheek.

"O.K. If you want to fight that

way . . . " snarled Rosenbloom, as he jabbed his thumb in King's eye! "Stop that," croaked the referee, already hoarse from shouting admonitions.

"Sorry, I won't do it again . . . " answered Levinsky!

He had been guilty of so many infringements he automatically took the warning for himself.

In the ninth round, Rosenbloom put Levinsky down for a count. Leaping Lena swooned; Lupe Velez tore Johnnie Weismuller's hair; George Raft did an Indian war dance on his seat. But Levinsky lurched to his feet.

The tenth and last round was fought out in a swirl of blood-soaked gloves, breathless curses, shrieks from the spectators and hats thrown into the ring!

Maxie Wins

Both men were so arm and leg weary they could scarcely stand, but still they flailed away, falling on each other for support, yet still managing to hand out full damage. The din was so great that the announcer couldn't make himself heard a minute. He just waved dramatically in Rosenbloom's direction.

"Maxie was Crazy Champion of California . . . !"

With a leer of triumph at the loudly protesting Levinsky, Maxie swung away to the dressing room, giving Leaping Lena a very wide berth. Despite her bandages she was ready to tear him to pieces!

Maxie led a wild and triumphant party back to his night club—"Slapsie-Maxie's"—where the packed guests greeted him with their own theme song, written by his own pianist for the occasions when Maxie does his act. It begins—

"Rosenbloom you're louzy . . . !"

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Saturday.—Maxie Baer, Clown Prince of the Ring.

ENGLISH SOCCER TEAMS
ON CONTINENTENGLAND DEFEATED AT
BELGRADE

Belgrade, May 19.—Inability to overcome the handicap of playing in a sweltering heat and oppressive atmosphere, which severely taxed their physical resources, coupled with an early injury to their left back and captain, Eddie Hapgood, was mainly responsible for the English F. A. team losing to Yugoslavia by two goals to one, on the Belgrade Sport Club's ground this evening.

Yugoslavia, whom the critics considered played better football than they had ever done before, thus had the distinction of beating England in the first international encounter between the two countries. The injury to Hapgood, sustained in the melee which preceded Yugoslavia's first goal, undoubtedly weakened the defence, but England had only themselves to blame for their defeat.

The English forwards really had enough chances to win the match, but they were frittered away. They were inclined to overdo their movements and delay their shooting, which was fatal against the quick-tackling Yugoslav defenders.

The hero of the match was Lubomir Lovritch, a young law student, who was making his first appearance in a full international. Lovritch, who was formerly a centre forward and only took up goalkeeping on the advice of the famous Spanish goal-keeper, Zamorra, got his chance to-day through Glazer, one of the Croats, dropping out of the team.

Glisovitch, the outside-right, opened the scoring for Yugoslavia after 16 minutes. Broome equalised five minutes after the interval, and Lovitch, outside-left, scored the winning goal.

It was an interesting match, but the play did not reach a particularly high standard. Playing in the heat, which was equivalent to a glorious August afternoon, had the effect of slowing up the Englishmen particularly in the second half, when the atmosphere became very "sticky."

The ground was filled to its capacity of between 35,000 and 40,000, among the spectators being the Yugoslav Prime Minister, M. Zvetkovitch. Hundreds of people clamoured outside for admission, without very much hope of getting in. Ticket touts were busy, and exorbitant prices were paid.

Teams:—

England—Woodley; Male and Hapgood; Willingham, Cullis, and Mercer; Matthews, Hall, Lawton, Goulden, and Broome.

Yugoslavia—Lovritch; Dubac and Pozhega; Manola, Dragitchevitch and Lecher; Glisovitch, Vuyadinovitch, Petrovitch, F. Matoshitch, and Perlich.

Referee, M. Capdeville (France).

LEEDS UNITED WIN IN
DENMARK

Copenhagen, May 19.—Leeds United F. C. won their first match in Denmark to-day, beating a Jutland team by three goals to one at Aarhus. Henry (outside right) scored two for Leeds, and Hodgson (centre forward) one. Alfred Jorgensen (outside right) scored Jutland's goal.—Press Association.

EVERTON DEFEAT SWISS TEAM

Zurich, May 19.—Everton F.C. beat a combined Servette and Grasshoppers' team by 4 goals to 2 to-day. At half-time the score was 1-1.—Press Association.

AUSTRALIAN
TEAM FOR S.
AFRICA

South African lawn tennis authorities have asked for a team from Australia to play there between August and October. They name McGrath, Schwartz and Gilchrist as prospective members of a team of four or five, to include women. They propose to pay all expenses and 15 shillings per day allowance. Further consideration has been deferred until word by letter comes from the South African authorities. If the air mail is used this should not be long deferred.

Mr. N. E. Brookes will represent Australia at the annual meeting of the Davis Cup nations in London on July 6. He will be visiting England at that time.

LAWN TENNIS

Oxford Beat
Cambridge

London, May 21.—Oxford beat Cambridge in University Lawn Tennis match on Effley Road courts yesterday. The issue was settled when three doubles remained to be decided, Oxford having won eleven out of eighteen games.

Chief interest centred in the singles

INTER-UNIVERSITY
WALKING RELAY

London, May 21.—Cambridge beat Oxford by about 150 yards in the inter-University walking relay match from London to Brighton—the first event of its kind in University sport—yesterday. There were five stages, each of about ten miles, and the Cambridge team covered the distance in 8 hr. 33 min. 47 sec.

I. R. Menzies gave Cambridge a one-second advantage at the end of the first stage at South Croydon, but F. Pickering put Oxford into the lead on the way to Redhill, and their next man took over 2½ minutes in front of his rival. However, F. S. Carter (Cambridge) went right away from the Oxford walker on the way to Peas Potage, and reached that point over eight minutes ahead. Then came a great effort by the Oxford fourth man, F. D. K. Williams, who reduced his team's deficit by nearly five minutes. J. R. C. Boys continued to make up lee-way, but reached Brighton 61 seconds behind F. J. G. Marley.

between L. E. King (New College), who is an Australian and Oxford's captain, and G. Nicolaidis (Pembroke), the visitors' captain and former Davis Cup player for Greece. Nicolaidis won fairly easily with superior backhand strokes and fine volleying on a score of 6-0, 5-7, 6-2. J. R. Briggs the Oxford secretary, won the key game against H. T. Grut (Trinity Hall, Cambridge) 4-0, 12-10, 6-1.

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To-day's Wireless

Dance Music:
Musical Comedy:
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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Coleman Hawkins (Saxophone).
After You've Gone (Creamer, Layton); Some Of These Days (Brookes)....Acc. by The Ramblers Dance Orchestra.
Star Dust—Fox-Trot....with Django Reinhardt (Guitar) and Stephanie Grappelly (Piano).
12.40 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.
Medley: Intro: Hometown; The greatest mistake of my life; Ten pretty girls; You're here, you're there; Let us be sweethearts over again; Horsey, Horsey.
You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret (O'Connor & Others).
In The Mountains Of The Moon (Box & Others).
Whoops We Go Again (Harvey).
If The Old River Thames Were The Danube (Box & Others).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.08 p.m.—Songs by Luigi Fort (Tenor).
"Don Giovanni" (Mozart)—To My Beloved, oh Hasten!; "Don Pasquale" (Donizetti)—Serenata; Soft Beams the Light; "Mignon" (Thomas)—Farewell, Mignon; Ay, Ay, Ay (Perez & Freire)....Sung in Italian with Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ. Once In A While (Green-Edwards).
Lionel Monckton Melodies (arr.

Stanford Robinson).
Irving Berlin Memories.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Latest Variety Numbers.
Dance Orch.—The Lady On The Second Floor—Fox-Trot; The Same Old Story—Fox-Trot....Gerardo & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Take My Heart (Ahler, Young); Would You? (from 'San Francisco')....Greta Keller with Orchestra.
Vibraphone and Xylophone—Buffoon (Zez Confrey); Nutty Woods (Robbins)....Harry Robbins with The Four Bright Sparks.
Dance Orch.—To Mother With Love—Fox-Trot; I Miss You In The Morning—Fox-Trot....Billy Cotton & His Band.
Orch.—A Day In Tyrol (Romer & Faun); Swing Me Up Higher (A Fair Ground Fantasy—Mackebert)....The Bohemians.
Dance Orch.—I Dream Of The Puzza—Tango; Do You See The Stars?—Tango....Emil Roos & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Variety with Max Miller, Ken Harvey, Lillian Harvey, Jimmy

Dorsey & His Orchestra & Others.
The Boston Tea Party—Fox-Trot; It Ain't Right—Fox-Trot....Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Son Regard (Jamban-Michel Emer); C'est Ma Faute (Dawson-Jean Delletre)....Lucienne Boyer (Vocal).
Don't Look Now—Fox-Trot; Parade Of The Milk Bottle Caps—Fox-Trot....Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
Max Miller In The Theatre (Recorded during an Actual Performance at the Holborn Empire, London)....Max Miller (Talking and Singing) with Orchestra and Guitar.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 7. Intro: Haunting Me; Jump on the Wagon; When Day is done....Charlie Kunz (Piano).
There's Magic In The Air (film 'The Only Girl'); But For You (film 'The Only Girl')....Lillian Harvey (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Melodies of Yesterday. Intro: Nobody's Sweetheart; Whispering; Avalon; Margie; China Town; I'll see you in my dreams; Indiana; Somebody stole my gal....Ken Harvey (Banjo) with Piano.
Twenty-Five Years Of Popular Song—Vocal Gems—1910-1935....Columbia Vocal Gem Company with Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates. Cinderella—A Phantasy....Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra.
I Heard You Singing....Alfred Piccaver (Tenor) with Piano.
The Jester At The Wedding....Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra.
Because I Miss You So....Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) with Piano.
Bird Songs At Eventide....H. Robinson Cleaver (Organ) & Patricia Rossborough (Piano).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs', by H. V. Hodson.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.
"C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"The Student Prince"—Selection (Romberg); "The Vagabond King"—Selection (Friml)....Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra conducted by Charles Prentice.
"Ball At The Savoy"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein & Abraham)....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Over She Goes"—Selection (Eytan, Carter & Mayerl)....The Saville Theatre Orchestra with Adele Dixon, conducted by Billy Mayerl.
10.23 p.m.—A Programme of Dance Music.
Sequence Dance—The Park Parade; Slow Fox-Trot—Tears On My Pillow....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Romany; Lonely....Gerardo & His Orchestra.
Quickstep—Why Isn't It You? (from 'Crest of the Wave'); Waltz—If You Only Knew (from 'Crest of the Wave')....Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orch.
Fox-Trot—When The Guardsman Started Crooning On Parade....Jack Hylton's Orchestra.
Waltzes—That Night In Avalon; Colorado Sunset—(film 'Colorado Sunset')....Hilo Hawaiian Orch.
Fox-Trots—Pennies From Heaven (from the film); One, Two, Button Your Shoe (film 'Pennies from Heaven')....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Tango—Vieja Amiga....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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East, Dealer:

♠ 9 6 5 2
♥ A
♦ 9 7 4 3 2
♣ Q J 6

Mr. McPherran

♠ 7 4 3
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ 10 8 7

♠ A J 8
♥ K J 10 9 4 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	Dbl.	Pass	1♦
2♣	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

While South didn't care much for the dummy that was spread out before him, the cards were distributed so favourably for him that he would have made his contract had it not been for a fine defensive play on the part of Robert McPherran of Philadelphia. Mr. McPherran opened the ten of clubs and his partner, after winning the trick, led a trump. A diamond was led from dummy. East played the ten and Declarer finessed the Queen. Now most players in Mr. McPherran's position would have taken the trick with no hesitation whatsoever, but he realised that his partner's play of the ten had almost surely indicated the Jack-ten alone. Thus if he were to take home his diamond King, the Jack would drop on the second round and Declarer could then run off the remainder of the suit. This naturally took some little while to think out; but having come to the correct conclusion, Mr. McPherran refused to win the dia-

mond trick. And now, although the trumps dropped nicely, Declarer still had to lose a diamond trick and two spade tricks and was set one. If Mr. McPherran had thoughtlessly cashed his King of diamonds, Declarer would not only have made his contract, but scored an overtrick!

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ A J x x x
♥ x x x
♦ A K x
♣ x x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♠	1♥	1♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. On that particular type of bidding Mr. Jacoby may well be gambling on six. Furthermore, it is a certainty that he would not bid that way with two losing diamonds in his hand. Hence, you may be sure that your Ace and King of diamonds represent some duplication of values.

Score 100% for pass, 40% for seven spades (there is likely to be some play for seven anyway), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 114

Merwin Maier is your partner to-day and you hold:

♠ x x
♥ K 10 x
♦ K x x x
♣ J x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstine	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	(?)	
What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)			

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8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Cello Solos by Maurice Marechal.
Elegie (Gabriel Faure, Op. 24); Guitarre (Moszkowski, Op. 45, No. 2)....with Piano accomp. by Maurice Faure.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Florence C. Drake (Soprano) and Nura Kanis (Piano).
1. Down in the Forest (Landon Ronald).
2. The Star (James Rogers)....Florence C. Drake (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Nura Kanis.
3. Sonata (Scarlatti)....Nura Kanis at the Piano.
4. Voi la Sapete (from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'—Mascagni).
5. Vissi Darte (from 'La Tosca'—Puccini)....Florence C. Drake (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Nura Kanis.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"My Bill". Screen version of the well-known stage-play "Courage", with Kay Francis in her most appealing role as the mother of three ungrateful children and little Dickie Moore, who steals right into one's heart as the little laddie who fights for her happiness. With Kay Francis, John Little, Anita Louise, Bonita Granville, Bobbie Jordan, Elisabeth Ridsen and Dickie Moore.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"When Were You Born?" Eerie and unusual drama of a mysterious killing foretold by the star and a Chinese girl who traced the murderer and uncovered a dastardly plot by the aid of the signs of the Zodiac. With Anna May Wong, Margaret Lindsay, Lola Lane, Anthony Averill, Charles Wilson and Maurice Cass.

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AT THE CATHAY—"Roberta", with Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Irene Dunne. A musical film.

AT THE KING'S—"Bordertown". The gripping and colourful romance of a young foreign-born American who satisfies his lust for power in a sordid town on the Mexican border and of the woman who does not stick at murder to link her fate with his. With Paul Muni, Bette Davis, Margaret Lindsay, Eugene Pallette and Gavin Gordon.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Girl of the Golden West". Singing sweethearts in thrill-roles. A glorious galaxy of star. Starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, with Walter Pidgeon, Leo Carrillo and Buddy Ebsen.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1939.

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FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING,
1939.

The Second Day of the above, POSTPONED from Monday, 29th. May, will be held (weather permitting) on SATURDAY, 3rd. JUNE, 1939. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 29th. May, 1939.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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One "Frigidaire"

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LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers
Hong Kong, 20th May 1939

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ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 5th day of June, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	422	Rural Building Lot No. 422, South East of Rural Building Lot No. 414, Pokfulam Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about 14,720	170	\$ 2,946
As per sale plan									



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	422	Lot No. 422, Tin Hau Temple Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about 9,100	108	\$ 1,108
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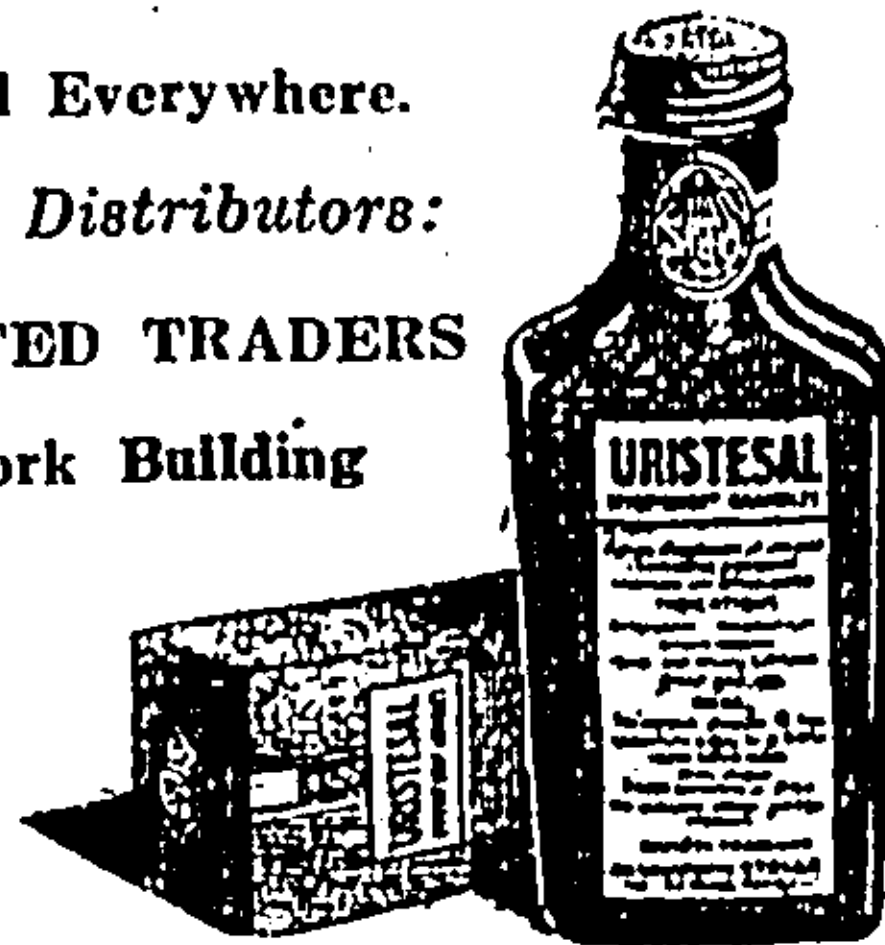
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Hong Kong, 27th May, 1939.

FORM RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE

(Continued from Page 1)

peace an effective treaty of alliance between Russia, Britain and France of a defensive character, was a fundamental assumption.

GENEVA MECHANISM

The western European powers had, however, made such reservations, such as for example, the incorporation of part of these obligations in the mechanism of the League of Nations—that fear was aroused that under such circumstances an assistance pact might be of purely fictitious character.

As regards guarantees for Eastern European and other States, the Soviet must insist unconditionally that all states with which she has a common frontier should be included in the guarantee.

NOT YET ENDED

The forms and the extent of immediate help in the case of an attack on one of the three partners to the alliance must be stipulated from the outset.

The negotiations, he said, were not yet ended.

M. Molotoff declared that the spearhead of the German-Italian pact was directed against the Western Powers rather than against the Soviet Union.

After the speech, the Soviet Coun-

OVERSTAYED THEIR LEAVE

Two Europeans were charged this morning at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. Edwards with a breach of the Passport Ordinance.

It was stated that the two defendants, Rudolf Israel Kuttner, 27, born in Berlin, and Alfred Aufang, 28, also born in Berlin, and at present residing at No. 70 Robinson Road, arrived in the Colony on May 12, with a visa authorising direct transit through the Colony.

They had failed to avail themselves of the earliest and most convenient means of transport, thus failing to comply with the visa's directions.

Both defendants stated that they were willing to go back to Shanghai from where they came. An order was made for their expulsion from the Colony.

TRADE INDEX

London, To-day.

Retail sales in April were 1.3 per cent. higher than a year earlier.

Stocks were 1.8 per cent. lower, but employment was 0.7 per cent. greater.—British Wireless.

cil passed a motion approving fully and entirely the foreign policy of the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

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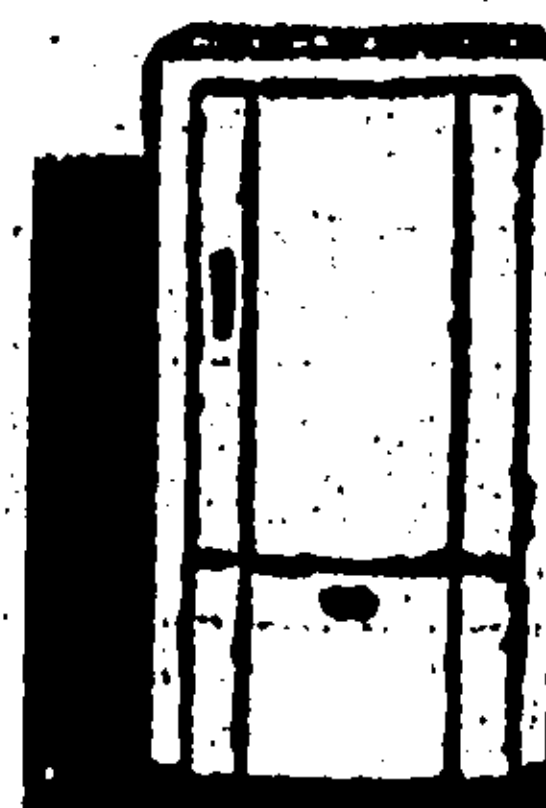
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